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To: **Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee – 11 January 2013**

Subject: **KENT AND MEDWAY SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2011 – MARCH 2012**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report introduces the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Annual Report April 2011 – March 2012, which details the work of the multi-agency partnership and how it managed safeguarding adults issues in 2011-2012. The report provides safeguarding activity information and also contains key statements from partner organisations regarding how they dealt with safeguarding issues in their respective agencies.

Recommendations: Members are asked to NOTE and COMMENT on the attached report.

1. Introduction

(1) Safeguarding Adults continues to be a major priority of the Families and Social Care Directorate. In meeting this responsibility, it is essential that the Directorate plays a key role in the workings of the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Executive Board.

(2) During 2011-2012, the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Executive Board comprised of Senior Officers from the key agencies in Kent and Medway involved in safeguarding, including the Police, Health Service, Medway Council and Kent County Council. The current chair of the Board is the Corporate Director of Families and Social Care, Kent County Council.

(3) The Annual Report is retrospective, covering the period of April 2011 – March 2012. The content of the Annual Report includes statements from partner agencies, key safeguarding activity information and outlines key priorities for 2012-2013.

2. Financial Implications

(1) There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

3. Bold Steps for Kent and Policy Framework

(1) The work of the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Executive Board, which is detailed within the Annual Report, plays a key role in supporting Priority 14 of Bold Steps for Kent:

“Ensure we provide the most robust and effective public protection arrangements”.

4. The Report

(1) The report contains a wealth of information from each of the key agencies engaged in the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Executive Board. The following paragraphs give a brief overview of key sections of the report.

(2) **Section 2** provides a pen picture of Kent and Medway.

(3) **Section 3** summarises the nationally significant activity regarding safeguarding.

(4) **Section 4** details the locally significant activity in relation to safeguarding.

(5) **Section 5** of the report outlines the multi-agency safeguarding training programme supported by the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Executive Board. This section highlights activity and progress towards the training review implementation plan.

(6) **Section 6** provides details of the funding arrangements for the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Executive Board.

(7) **Section 7** summarises the work of each member agency of the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Executive Board.

(8) **Section 8** outlines the activity data for adult safeguarding in Kent and Medway. This includes referral data, the background data in regard to victims and the current trends in relation to adult safeguarding in Kent and Medway.

(9) **Section 9** identifies the key priorities for the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board for 2012-2013.

5. Conclusion

(1) The Annual Report provides a retrospective view of the work of the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Executive Board and details key safeguarding activity between April 2011 – March 2012.

6. Recommendations

(1) Members are asked to NOTE and COMMENT on the attached report.

7. Background Documents

(1) None

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Annual Report: April 2011 – March 2012