

THE REPORT

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To: Kent Health and Wellbeing Board

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Subject: **EVERY DAY MATTERS: KENT'S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE MULTIAGENCY PLAN 2013-2016**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report introduces the draft Every Day Matters: Kent's Children and Young People Multiagency Plan 2013-2016 to the Board for comment ahead of the final draft being produced.

The attached draft plan builds on Kent County Council's overarching framework document.

The draft plan which sets out a clear vision for the future direction of children's services in Kent was commissioned by the Kent Children and Young People's Joint Commissioning Board.

FOR COMMENT

1. Introduction

(1) The purpose of this report is to present the draft Every Day Matters: Kent's Children and Young People Multiagency Plan 2013-2016 (Appendix 1) for comment before a final draft is produced. Subject to the views of the Health and Wellbeing Board and changes made, the Every Day Matters Multiagency Plan will be presented for approval by the Kent Children and Young People's Joint Commissioning Board at the earliest opportunity.

(2) The development of this multiagency plan was agreed by the Kent Children and Young People's Joint Commissioning Board. They have agreed to develop a multiagency children and young people's plan for Kent based on the framework for children and young people recently produced by Kent County Council.

(3) Every Day Matters has been developed against the backdrop of the recent Ofsted inspection of the local authority's arrangements for the protection of children, the development of Kent Integrated Adolescent Support Services, the NHS reforms and the Children and Families Bill.

2. Policy Context

(1) The Children's Trust arrangements are underpinned by the 'duty to cooperate' provision of s.10 of the Children Act 2004 and were established formally under the Act. However, the prescriptive statutory guidance was withdrawn on 31 October 2010. The effect is that each area must still have a Children's Trust Board, but how it operates, what it is called and how it will work with the Health and

Wellbeing Board is a matter of local determination. As a result, the Kent Children and Young People's Joint Commissioning Board has replaced the former Kent Children's Trust.

(2) There are clear indications that the Health and Wellbeing Board will take a central role in overseeing a range of health and social care activities, such as the development of strategies, plans and commissioning and provision of services. This is underpinned by the recent Government announcement of an amendment to the Children and Families Bill, to place a new duty on the NHS in respect of the requirement for local authorities and health services to commission education, health and social care plans jointly. Therefore, the Health and Wellbeing Board is ideally placed to comment on the development of the attached multiagency plan. The Board is asked to consider whether it wishes to formally endorse the document. If it does, the final draft will be presented to the Board at its meeting in May.

3. Overview of Every Day Matters Multiagency Plan

(1) The draft document describes a clear vision for children's services, underpinned by four broad outcomes and five priorities.

The one vision is that:

Every child and young person in Kent achieves their full potential in life, whatever their background.

The four overall outcomes at the heart of children's services are:

- Keep all children and young people safe
- Promote the health and wellbeing of all children and young people
- Raise the educational achievement of all children and young people
- Equip all young people to take positive role in their community.

(2) The five priorities are as follows:

- Priority 1 - Safeguarding and protection
- Priority 2 - Early help, prevention and intervention
- Priority 3 - Learning and achievement
- Priority 4 - Community ambition, health and wellbeing
- Priority 5 - Better use of resources

(3) The document is then set out in three sections. Section one describes where we are now and provides a high level description of the multiagency governance arrangements, the breadth of partnerships in place and the range of underpinning strategies and plans.

(4) Section two deals with where we need to be in the years ahead. The multiagency plan explains the need to strike the right balance between four critical factors of (a) achieving outcomes, (b) skilled and stable workforce, (c) integrated services and (d) evidence of impact.

(5) The third section describes the steps that need to be taken in order to deliver the vision and make reality of what 'good looks like'. To deliver better integration and new models of joined up services requires service transformation,

and plans are being developed based on the defined priorities set out in the document.

4. Conclusions

(1) This report has presented the draft Every Day Matters: Kent's Children and Young People Multiagency Plan 2013-2016 (Appendix 1). It has been commissioned by the Kent Children and Young People's Joint Commissioning Board.

(2) The Health and Wellbeing Board is invited to use the opportunity to inform the draft document before a final draft is produced.

5. Recommendations

- (1) The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:
- a) **COMMENT** on the draft Every Day Matters: Kent's Children and Young People Multiagency Plan 2013 -2016.
 - b) **DECIDE** whether it wishes to formally endorse the document.

Appendix

Appendix: 1: Draft Every Day Matters: Kent's Children and Young People Multiagency Plan 2013-2016.

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