

# THE REPORT

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**By:** Jenny Whittle, Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services  
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**To:** Kent Health and Wellbeing Board

**Date:** 29 May 2013

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

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Summary:** A draft *Every Day Matters: Kent's Multiagency Strategic Plan for Children and Young People 2013-2016* was considered by the then Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board on 27 March 2013.

The attached revised draft Plan follows changes made that reflect feedback received from a number of individuals and organisations.

The final draft Plan which sets out a clear vision for the future direction of children's services in Kent is consistent with central statutory guidance (*Working Together*, 2013).

The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note that subject to the views expressed by its members the Plan will be published, with the Board as co-signatory along with the Kent Children and Young People's Joint Commissioning Board.

## For Decision

### 1. Introduction

- (1) The purpose of this report is to present the final draft *Every Day Matters: Kent's Multiagency Strategic Plan for Children and Young People 2013-2016* (Appendix 1) for approval. Subject to the views of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Multiagency Plan will also be presented for approval by the Kent Children and Young People's Joint Commissioning Board at its meeting on 30 May 2013.
- (2) The development of the Multiagency Plan has been informed and shaped by a number of individuals and organisations, including Head Teachers, Kent Safeguarding Children Board, Criminal Justice Board, Kent Police, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Kent Public Health other organisations and individuals). As a result the final document is that much improved. The time taken by those who provided constructive feedback is fully acknowledged and the Board's attention is drawn to this fact.

- (3) Every Day Matters has been informed by '*Working Together to Safeguard Children - A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children*' which was published by Department for Education in March 2013.

## **2. Policy Context**

- (1) As it is well understood, "section 10 of the Children Act 2004 requires each local authority to make arrangements to promote cooperation between the authority, each of the authority's relevant partners and such other person or bodies working with children in the local authority's areas as the authority considers appropriate. The arrangements are to be made with a view to improving the wellbeing of all children in the authority's area, which includes protection from harm and neglect" (*Working Together, 2013.*)
- (2) The statutory guidance which sets out the broad responsibilities of the Health and Wellbeing states that "Health and wellbeing boards can encourage close working between commissioners of health related services and themselves; and commissioners of health and social care services. This could potentially involve considering the commissioning of health-related services either with or by a broad range of local partners, such as district councils, local authority housing commissioners, local community safety partnerships, Police and Crime Commissioners, local probation trusts, prisons, children's secure estates and schools. In this way health and wellbeing boards can use the priorities agreed in Joint Health Wellbeing Strategy to influence other services that also affect health to improve outcomes and also to encourage the integration of services. (*Statutory Guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies, March 2013.*)

## **3. Revision of the Plan**

- (1) Following the last presentation of the draft plan, further changes have been made to reflect the positive comments put forward by a number of key organisations and Boards. Information about the Boards, groups, organisations and individuals who have been invited to comment in the course of the revision work is shown in Appendix 2.

## **4. Conclusions**

- (1) A number of constructive comments have influenced the final draft *Every Day Matters: Kent's Multiagency Strategic Plan for Children and Young People 2013-2016* (Appendix 1). It was commissioned by the Kent Children and Young People's Joint Commissioning Board in line with *Working Together, 2013.*
- (2) The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to endorse the Plan as co-signatory, subject to the views expressed by its members.

## 5. Recommendation

(1) The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

a) **ENDORSE** the final draft *Every Day Matters: Kent's Multiagency Strategic Plan for Children and Young People 2013-2016*.

### Appendices

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

Appendix 2: List of organisations involved in the revision

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**Appendix 1** - Draft *Every Day Matters: Kent's Multiagency Strategic Plan for Children and Young People 2013-2016* is attached as a separate PDF document.

## **Appendix 2 - Groups and individuals who have been invited to comment on the draft *Every Day Matters***

### **Groups and Boards**

- Children and Young People's Joint Commissioning Board - comments received at March meeting
- Kent Health and Wellbeing Board (Shadow) - comments received at March meeting
- Kent Safeguarding Children Board and Executive Group - comments received
- Kent Children's Fund Network - no comments received, Stephen Bell has contributed to the development of the draft
- Kent Voluntary Sector Forum - no comments received
- Kent's 7 Clinical Commissioning Groups - comments received from Canterbury and Thanet. South Kent Coast and West Kent agreed with the draft with no comments. No comments received from the other CCGs
- Kent County Council Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee - comments received
- Troubled Families Multiagency Steering Group - no comments received
- Kent's Locality Boards - comments received from Dover Locality Board
- Learning Disability Partnership Board - comments received
- Canterbury Local Children's Trust Board - comments received
- Kent County Council VCS Engagement Forum - agreed with no comments
- Kent Criminal Justice Board - comments to follow

### **Organisations and individuals**

- Kent Police - comments received
- Kent Probation - agreed with the draft with no comments
- Kent and Medway Commissioning Support (hosted by NHS Commissioning Board) - comments and contribution to the development of the draft by Kallie Hayburn
- Kent Head Teachers - presented at all 4 regional Head Teacher Briefings in April. Comments received from various Head Teachers.
- Kent County Council Managing Directors, Directors and Heads of Service - Education, Learning and Skills, Families and Social Care, Customer and Communities
- Public Health consultants and specialists - comments received from Ivan Rudd
- Kent County Council Education, Learning and Skills Heads of Service and Directors - comments received from Head of Educational Psychology, Head of SEN, Head of Children's Commissioning and Area Education Officer
- Kent County Council Strategic Business Advisor for Education, Learning and Skills - comments received
- Kent County Council Heads of Service and Directors for Social Care - comments received from Director of Learning Disability and Mental Health
- Kent County Council Heads of Service and Directors for Customer and Communities - no comments received
- Kent County Council Equality and Diversity team - comments received