

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY:**

Mrs Jenny Whittle  
Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services

**DECISION NO:**

13/00051

**For publication****Subject:**

Local Children Services Arrangement

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services, I agree that the Local Children Services Arrangement for Kent County Council should operate on a CCG-level Health and Wellbeing Board basis.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

There is a compelling need to deliver more effective joint commissioning and ensure that local services are delivered in a way that improves outcomes whilst using resources more efficiently.

The decision on the new Local Children Services Arrangement is so that:

- the need to deliver more effective joint commissioning which helps 'universal' and 'targeted' children services to address gaps in vital provision, by making sure that all the available resources for children's services are fully utilised can be achieved;
- the strong case for obtaining the best out of service integration, especially where this would have the desired impact and add considerable value can be realised;
- we can make sure that local services are delivered in a way that improves the experience and outcomes for people;
- the need to respond to the pressure on public sector resources by seeking more efficient use of resources is grasped;
- stretched management capacity (especially in the NHS) can be managed.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The proposed arrangements had been considered and endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 29 May 2013 and the Kent Children and Young People's Joint Commissioning Board on 30 May 2013. The Cabinet Committee also considered the proposals on 12 June 2013. The Cabinet committee "resolved that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services, to approve the local children's services arrangements, after taking into account the views expressed by the Cabinet Committee, be endorsed".

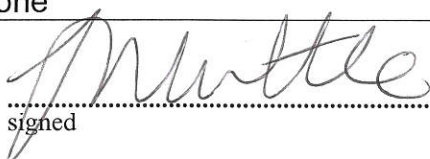
The Joint Commissioning Board conducted a 12-week public consultation exercise on the proposals regarding local partnership arrangements during summer of 2012.

**Any alternatives considered:**

The alternative option is to retain district-based arrangements.

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

None

  
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