

By: Marisa White, Head of Extended Services
To: Children's Champions Board, 11 March 2009
Subject: Domestic Abuse – Initiatives to Better Protect Children
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Presentation by Alison Gilmour, Kent and Medway Domestic Violence Co-ordinator

1. The session will focus on development of the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference initiative that is being rolled out across the county following a successful pilot in the Maidstone area. The presentation will also highlight other initiatives to raise awareness and support children who may be vulnerable due to domestic violence within the home.

2. The following documents give Members an overview of work going on to address the needs of children and young people affected by domestic abuse:

- An outline of the work of the Kent and Medway Domestic Violence Group;
- An 'toolkit' for the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC), including an example of risk indicator and referral paperwork;
- A Vision for Services for Children and Young People affected by Domestic Violence; and
- An example of good practice from Dover of the services available to victims of domestic abuse.

Recommendation:

Members are asked to NOTE the content of the attached documents and the presentation.

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Background Documents: none

Other Useful Information: