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Summary: This paper provides a summary on the progress of the implementation of the recommendations from Kent and Medway DHR cases.

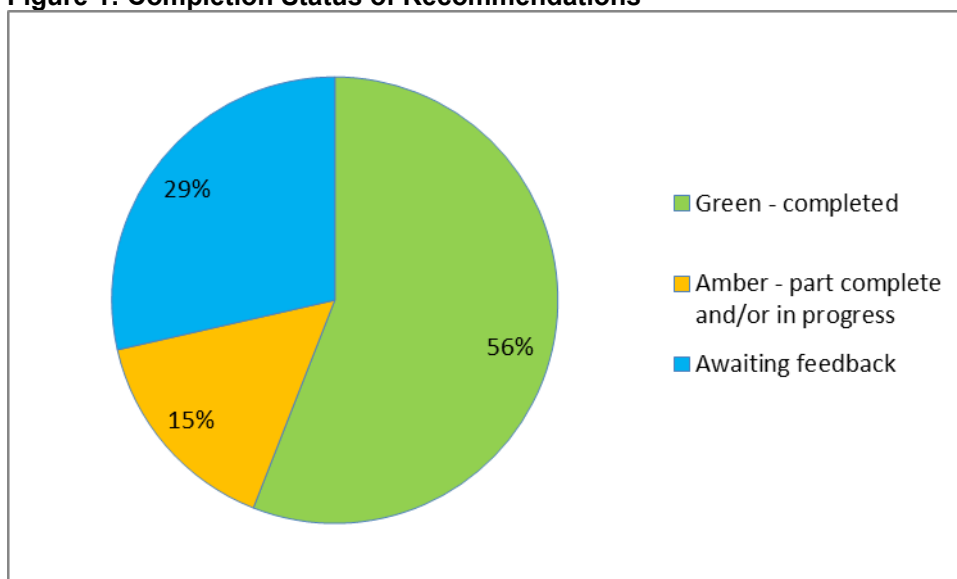
1.0 Background

- 1.1 13 DHRs have been considered and 12 DHRs commissioned since April 2011, when the statutory duty to conduct DHRs came into force.
- 1.2 9 of these Reviews are complete and have passed through the Home Office quality assurance process, therefore the recommendations within all 9 completed DHRs are considered within this report.

2.0 Overview

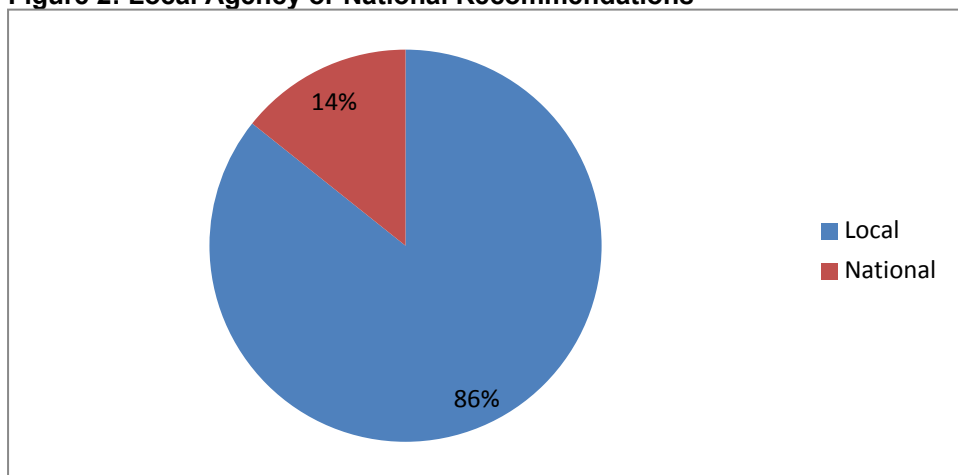
- 2.1 84 recommendations have been made in total (some recommendations involve several actions); 47 recommendations have been completed, 13 are part completed or in progress and for 24 we are awaiting feedback from the lead agency.

Figure 1: Completion Status of Recommendations



- 2.2 12 recommendations were for the attention of National agencies/Government departments such as the Home Office, Department of Health etc.

Figure 2: Local Agency or National Recommendations



3.0 DHR Themes

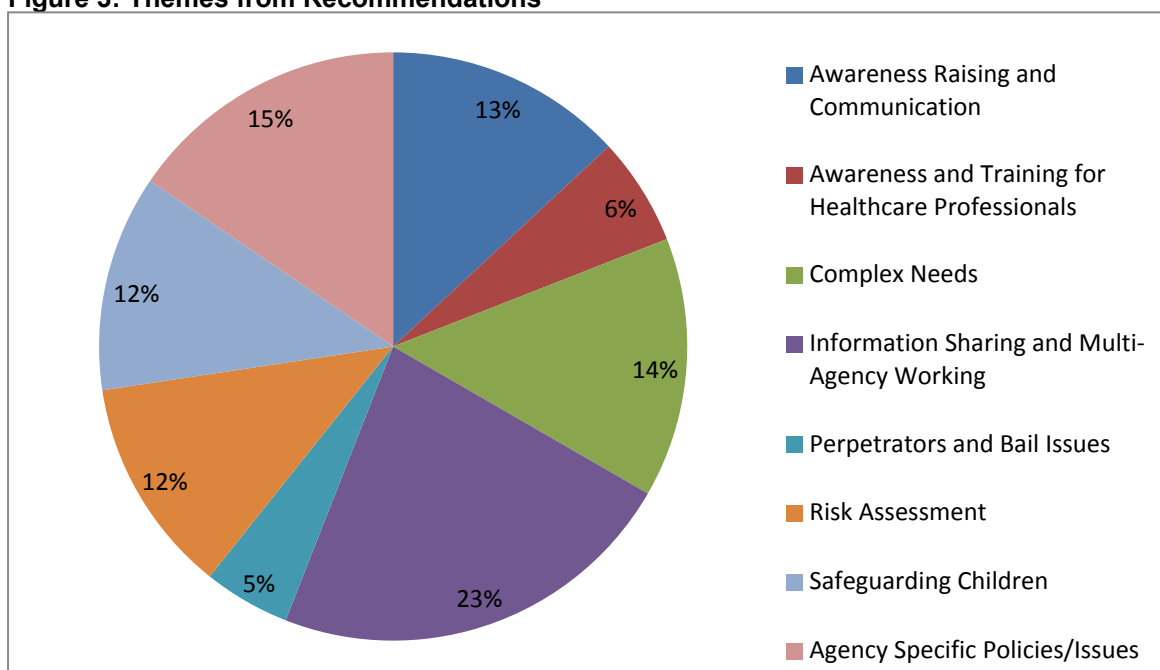
3.1 Each recommendation has been allocated a theme based on the categories identified in the Home Office DHR Lessons Learned Report issued in 2013. These themes include:

- Awareness Raising and Communication
- Awareness and Training for Healthcare Professionals
- Complex Needs (Alcohol, Drugs, Mental Health Issues etc.)
- Information Sharing and Multi-Agency Working
- Perpetrators and Bail Issues
- Risk Assessment
- Safeguarding Children

An additional category has been added as a number of our recommendations are agency specific to address an issue that has emerged during the DHR:

- Agency Specific Policies/Issues

Figure 3: Themes from Recommendations

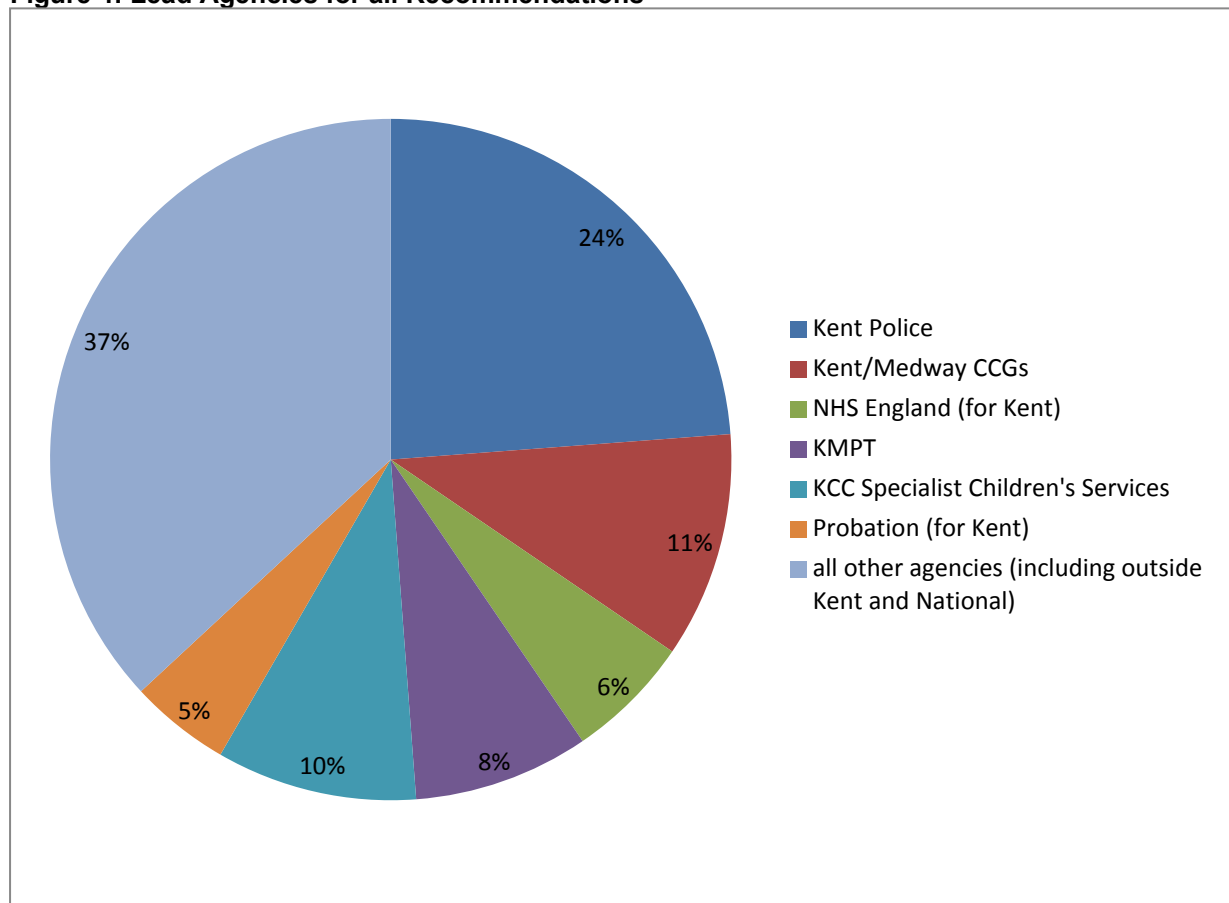


3.2 As can be seen in Figure 3, the need to improve Information Sharing and Multi-agency Working was the most common theme within our recommendations (23%), followed by Agency Specific Policies/Issues (15%), the need to work effectively with clients presenting Complex Needs (14%) and Awareness Raising and Communication on domestic abuse issues across agencies e.g. DA training and understanding of DA issues (13%).

4.0 Lead Agencies

4.1 For each recommendation a lead agency to report on and/or action progress has been identified. Kent Police has received the greatest number of recommendations from the DHRs so far; they have been allocated 20 recommendations to date (24% of all recommendations) with the Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) receiving the next highest number of DHR recommendations, 9 (11% of all recommendations) and Kent County Council’s Specialist Children’s Services receiving 8 recommendations (9% of the total recommendations).

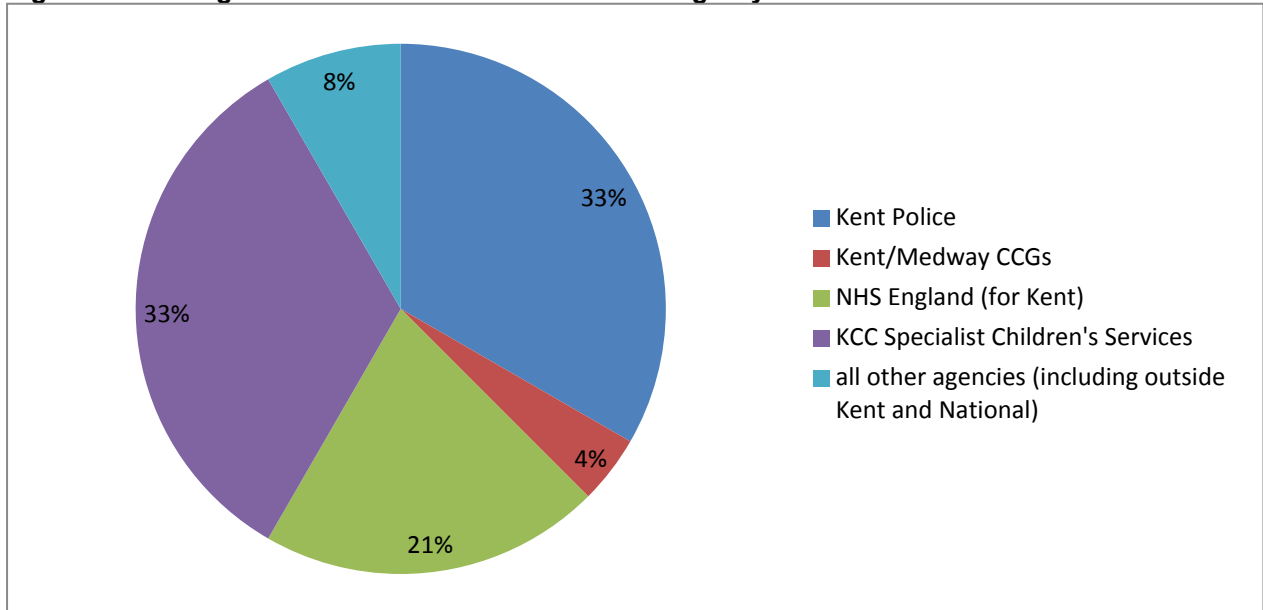
Figure 4: Lead Agencies for all Recommendations



4.2 37% of the all the recommendations issued so far have been spread across a number of other Kent agencies, agencies outside of Kent and National agencies/Government departments.

4.3 As can be seen in the Figure 5, for the 24 recommendations that we are still awaiting to receive any feedback on, 34% are allocated to Kent Police and 33% to Kent County Council Specialist Children’s Services.

Figure 5: Lead Agencies for Recommendation Awaiting Any Feedback On



5.0 Next Steps

- 5.1 Formal requests for the latest updates to the recommendations from key agencies were issued by the Kent and Medway Domestic Homicide Review Steering Group Chair at the end of August 2015 for consideration at the September Steering Group meeting.
- 5.2 If any agency does not respond to the DHR Steering Group's request for information our escalation process will then be triggered and the Chair of Kent CSP will be asked to write to the Chief Executive Officer of that agency to seek a response.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 Kent CSP is asked to note the progress made towards implementing the DHR recommendations.

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