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To: Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee
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Subject: **Specialist Children's Services Performance Dashboard**

Classification: Unrestricted

Previous Pathway: None

Future Pathway: None

Electoral Division: All

Summary: The Specialist Children's Service performance dashboards provide members with progress against targets set for key performance and activity indicators.

Recommendation: Members of the Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee are asked to **NOTE** the SCS performance dashboard

1. Introduction

1.1 Appendix 2 Part 4 of the Kent County Council Constitution states that:

"Cabinet Committees shall review the performance of the functions of the Council that fall within the remit of the Cabinet Committee in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and the customer experience."

1.2 To this end, each Cabinet Committee receives performance dashboards.

2. Children's Social Care Performance Report

2.1 The dashboard for Specialist Children's Services (SCS) is attached as **Appendix A**.

2.2 The SCS performance dashboard includes latest available results which are for October 2015.

2.3 The indicators included are based on key priorities for Specialist Children's Services as outlined in the Strategic Priority Statement, and also includes operational data that is regularly used within the Directorate. Cabinet

Committees have a role to review the selection of indicators included in dashboards, improving the focus on strategic issues and qualitative outcomes.

- 2.4 The results in the dashboard are shown as snapshot figures (taken on the last working day of the reporting period), year-to-date (April-March) or a rolling 12 months.
- 2.5 Members are asked to note that the SCS dashboard is used within the Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Directorate to support the Transformation programme.
- 2.6 A subset of these indicators is used within the KCC Quarterly Performance Report which is submitted to Cabinet.
- 2.7 As an outcome of this report, members may make reports and recommendations to the Leader, Cabinet Members, the Cabinet or officers.
- 2.8 Performance results are assigned an alert on the following basis:

Green: Current target achieved or exceeded

Red: Performance is below a pre-defined minimum standard

Amber: Performance is below current target but above minimum standard.

3. Summary of Performance

- 3.1 There are 44 measures within the SCS Performance Scorecard with a RAG (Red, Amber, Green) rating applied. Of these 17 are rated as Green, 22 as Amber and 5 indicators are rated as Red. Exception reporting against the 5 measures with a Red RAG rating is included within the Report attached as Appendix A.
- 3.2 In comparison to performance for the previous month (September 2015), 20 of the performance measures have shown an improvement, 3 of the measures have remained the same and 21 measures have shown a reduction.
- 3.3 In comparison to performance for March 2015, 21 of the performance measures show improvement and 23 measures show a reduction.
- 3.4 An additional page showing the impact on performance by the increasing cohort of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children has been included within the Report in Appendix A.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members of the Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee are asked to **NOTE** the SCS performance dashboard

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6. Appendices

Appendix A – Specialist Children's Service Performance Dashboard
Scorecard

6. Background Documents

None