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To: Corporate Parenting Panel – 9 November 2016

SUBJECT: **KENT/CORAM PARTNERSHIP REPORT – POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT TEAM**

Classification: Unrestricted

Electoral Divisions: All

Summary: This report attached as Appendix 1 has been produced by Coram to provide an overview of the work undertaken by them, based on the specification set out in the one-year contract (from April 2016 to March 2017) agreed between Coram and Kent in January 2016, and additional activities that were not part of the original specification.

Recommendation: The Corporate Parenting Panel is asked to **NOTE** the progress made and the future priorities.

1. Overview

- 1.1 The report provides a comprehensive summary of several work streams including staffing, parenting programmes, support groups, learning and development programme, education conference, mentoring scheme, strengthening the adopter's voices, quality assurance, preparation for Ofsted, policy framework, integrated work with the adoption service, adoption support fund, strengthening adopted children and young people's voices.
- 1.2 Young people have been invited to attend the Corporate Parenting Panel to share information regarding the young people's participation initiatives that are reported on within the report.

2. Conclusion

- 2.1 The Coram/Kent partnership has made significant progress and will continue to develop the service in partnership with adopters, children and young people. Adopters are consistently reporting back their overall satisfaction with the service provided and making constructive suggestions for improvements.

3. Recommendations

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4. Background Documents

None

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