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To: Kent Health and Wellbeing Board – 7 February 2019

Subject: **0-25 HWB update and Forward Plan**

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Summary:

This paper provides an annual update on the progress of the 0-25 Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB).

Recommendation:

Note the contents of this report, the progress achieved to date and to comment on the proposed direction of travel set out in the Forward Plan.

Support the 0-25 HWB's plans for the identification of further opportunities to strengthen our partnership working.

1. Introduction

1.1 In 2014, the Kent 0-25 Health and Wellbeing Board was established as a key leadership board between KCC, Health and Kent Police for Children's Services.

1.2 This report provides an outline to recent changes made to the Board and the detail of the Boards priorities for the coming year.

2. Governance

1.3 The board is strongly supported by partners and recently there has been a change in senior level commitment from all partners. KCC is represented through both Cabinet Member and senior officer representation. Health supports through both senior management and clinical leadership and has supported that the Board became part of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan governance. Both Kent Police and Kent Police and Crime Commissioner are represented at a senior level alongside District Councils and Healthwatch.

1.3 The recent change in high level representation demonstrates the importance attached to the board's activities, as well as the strategic significance of the board's work.

- 2.1** Most recently, the Board has become established as part of the governance of the Kent and Medway STP to provide a focus on children's issues. The Board will have a role in reporting directly to the Programme Board and engage with the Clinical and Professional Board.
- 2.2** Progress on the board's activities is also reported into the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.3** The case for children's services partner organisations to work together/co-operate is clearly set out in policy and statute. There is a raft of legal, financial and moral imperatives why health care providers and commissioners as well as partner safeguarding agencies, need to have a bespoke and focused approach to their work with children and young people.
- 2.4** KCC has a legal obligation (Section 10, Children Act 2004) to promote co-operation with partner agencies to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people in the county. KCC has also identified the need to give every child the best start in life as one of its three strategic outcomes.

3. Forward Plan

- 3.1** Whilst the Board has been in existence for some time, it lacked a clear forward plan. A workshop took place in July 2018 to begin to refresh the priorities of the Board and to develop a forward plan to guide the approach to working effectively across the partner organisations and delivering against agreed priorities.
- 3.2** The workshop highlighted the importance of cross-cutting system issues that affect several different partner agencies providing health and care services for children and young people. It also identified a number of clear areas in which to accelerate joint working and improve outcomes.
- 3.3** A Board discussion on 8 October agreed the attached framework in appendix 1. This sets out the agreed outcomes and deliverables for 2019 – 2020. The indicators align with the current Kent CYP Plan and will be reported against at each meeting.
- 3.4** The Board has agreed to focus on the following areas:
 - A) Children and Young People with multiple/complex needs
 - B) Children and Young People's mental health
 - C) Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)
 - D) Children and Young People's population health
 - E) Effective partnership working and joint commissioning arrangements
- 3.5** A recent focus on Transforming Care and some of the current issues with CAMHS services indicate a need to look at this urgently and as such features as a priority in the forward plan.
- 3.6** There has been significant activity as a result of the forward plan and the following areas of work have been prioritised:

- Support to the Public Health Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) workstream to develop a programme of work which focuses on children who have experienced ACE, Trauma and Resilience.
- The Total Placement Service (TPS) which aims to bring together an improved understanding of purchasing activity with the providers of residential, foster and other accommodation-based care for the most vulnerable children in Kent
- Oversight of delivery of the Kent and Medway Local Transformation plan for Mental Health including Governance
- The children's Suicide prevention work programme
- An agreed model of nursing provision in Special Schools
- Oversight of implementation of the Transforming Care Action Plan
- A number of Public health Needs Assessments including for SEND and sexual health
- Public health: 0-25 Observatory data resource pack
- The development of an overarching framework for reporting Children and Young People's views and experience

4. Conclusion

4.1 There has been a new momentum for change across the strategic leadership for Children services as demonstrated by the establishment of the new 0-25 HWB's governance.

4.2 The board has begun to push forward a programme of integration and joint commissioning arrangements. It has an ambitious forward plan which all partners have signed up to and have agreed to be accountable for.

4.3 All partners are asked to sustain this senior level commitment to the Board and to support the identification of further opportunities to strengthen our partnership working.

5. Recommendation

The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

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