

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE MENTAL HEALTH GUARDIANSHIP PANEL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee Mental Health Guardianship Panel held in the Wantsum Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Friday, 21 January 2011.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr R Brookbank, Mr P W A Lake and Mr C P Smith

ALSO PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Absolon (Social Care Commissioner for Mental Health), Ms D Divine (Policy Officer - Mental Health), Macdonald (Training Manager - Mental Health) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Terms of Reference *(Item 2)*

The Committee noted that its Terms of Reference were: "the discharge of persons who are subject to guardianship, pursuant to Section 23 of the Mental Health Act 1983 on the recommendation of the Director of Adult Social Services."

EXEMPT ITEMS **(Open Access to Minutes)**

(Members resolved under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.)

2. The Local Authority's Guardianship Register *(Item 4)*

(1) The Social Care Commissioner for Mental Health informed the Panel of the work of the Officer Working Party to review Guardianship Orders. He explained that the appended lists of closed cases since January 2010 and the current guardianship register were very close to the point where every case had been completely reviewed.

(2) The Panel agreed that the Chairman and possibly some other Panel Members should inspect the register in three months' time in order to certify that the proper governance arrangements were in place.

(3) The Chairman left the meeting in order to attend another meeting, whereupon Mr W P W A Lake took the Chair.

(4) RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the content of the report be noted together with the lists of closed cases since January 2010 and the current guardianship register; and
- (b) the Chairman and possibly some other Members of the Panel be invited the detailed register in three months' time in order to certify that the proper governance arrangements are in place.