

**Specialist Children's Services Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee –
Recommendations to Cabinet**

Cabinet Member's Oral Update (21 June 2011)

Cabinet portfolio: Mrs J Whittle

Subject: Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) to Looked After Children (LACs) who are placed in Kent by other local authorities (OLAs)

Context: LACs placed by OLAs draw on Kent's CAMHS services. PCTs can retrieve the cost of this from the placing authority but often do not, or there is a delay in doing so, and Kent ends up carrying the cost. KCC needs to press PCTs to retrieve this funding so this stops happening.

Recommendations and responses:

1. The Committee would like Cabinet to take up this issue. Alternatively, they also expressed a wish that HOSC be urged to pursue this.

Cabinet Member's Response:

I have raised this with Lorraine Goodsell, Director of Commissioning, Child Health at the meeting of the Kent Safeguarding and Looked After Children Improvement Board on 6 June. This is documented in the minutes of that meeting and gave an action to Lorraine Goodsell to speak with providers to better understand the cost implications, and to explore what Strategic Health Authority benchmarking has taken place.

Date of Response: 14 July 2011

Proposals for a KCC Assisted Boarding Scheme and DVD about the Royal Alexandra and Albert School (21 June 2011)

Cabinet portfolio: Mrs J Whittle

Subject: Proposals for an Assisted Boarding Scheme for children on the edge of care

Context: The POSC was asked to note an outline business case for establishing a Kent Assisted Boarding Scheme, but this was changed to '*endorse* the business case ...' (proposed by Mr Wells , seconded by Mr Ozog) and agreed.

Recommendations and responses:

1.The Committee urges Cabinet to support its endorsement of the outline business case.

Cabinet Member's Response:

Agreed

Date of Response: 14 July 2011