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To: Cabinet - 5 December 2011

**Subject: ANNUAL UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION OF CONTACT,
REFERRAL AND ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS IN
CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary:

Informs Members of the findings of the recent Ofsted inspection.

1. (1) On the 11 and 12 October 2011, Ofsted undertook their latest unannounced inspection of the contact, referral and assessment arrangements in the Specialist Children's Service in Kent.

(2) This inspection notes the significant progress made since the last inspection. Inspectors found that the areas identified as requiring action in the previous inspections in August and in November 2010 have been tackled. The report also highlights areas where further development is needed. The summary of the Inspectors' findings are attached as Appendix A.

Recommendations:

2. (1) Cabinet is asked to:

- (a) NOTE the findings of the recent Ofsted inspection;
- (b) COMMENT ON the areas where further development is required.

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Background documents:

Appendix A: Ofsted letter, 9 Nov - Annual unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment arrangements within Kent County Council children's services