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**To:** Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee – 4 October 2013

**Subject:** Update on Children & Young People's Mental Health Service

**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** Updates Cabinet Committee on the progress with the Community Children and Young Peoples Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

**Recommendation:** Members are asked to NOTE and COMMENT on the attached CAMHS update report.

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1. Along with the wider health sector, the community mental health service for children and young people (CAMHS) has undergone significant changes in the last couple of years. In 2011, KCC Cabinet Members and NHS Kent & Medway agreed to align funding in order to jointly commission new emotional well-being and mental health services for children and young people to improve the services.
2. In 2012, KCC became the lead commissioner for the Emotional Wellbeing Service (Tier 1) which is delivered in universal settings by the Young Health Minds consortia which is led by the Kent Children's Fund Network. NHS Kent & Medway became the lead commissioner for the Community CAMHS (Tier 2) and Specialist Mental Health Services (Tier 3) and from the 1 Sept 2012 these services have been provided by the Sussex Partnership Health Trust.
3. Cabinet Committee received a report on these changes on the 12 July 2012 and further update reports on the 11 January, 21 March and 12 June 2013.
4. With the establishment of Clinical Commissioning Groups in April 2013, the West Kent CCG took over as the lead commissioner for the mental health services. Ian Ayres, Accountable Officer for West Kent CCG will attend this meeting to discuss progress with the service. Attached, as Appendix A, is his update report. KCC officers have provided input into this report in relation to the parts which KCC funds.

#### **Recommendations**

5. Members are asked to NOTE and COMMENT on the attached CAMHS update report.

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Appendix A: Update on community children and young people's mental health service (CAMHS)

Background documents: none