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To: **Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee – 16 January 2014**

Subject: **KENT AND MEDWAY SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2012 – MARCH 2013**

Classification: Unrestricted

**Summary:** This report introduces the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Annual Report April 2012 – March 2013, which details the work of the multi-agency partnership and how it managed safeguarding adults issues in 2012-2013. The report provides safeguarding activity information and also contains key statements from partner organisations regarding how they dealt with safeguarding issues in their respective agencies.

**Recommendations:** Members are asked to NOTE and COMMENT on the attached report.

## **1. Introduction**

(1) Safeguarding Adults continues to be a major priority of the Families and Social Care Directorate. In meeting this responsibility, it is essential that the Directorate plays a key role in the workings of the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board.

(2) During 2012-2013, the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board comprised of Senior Officers from the key agencies in Kent and Medway involved in safeguarding, including the Police, Health Service, Medway Council and Kent County Council. The current chair of the Board is the Corporate Director of Families and Social Care, Kent County Council.

## **2. Financial Implications**

(1) There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

## **3. Bold Steps for Kent and Policy Framework**

(1) The work of the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board, which is detailed within the Annual Report, plays a key role in supporting Priority 14 of Bold Steps for Kent:

*“Ensure we provide the most robust and effective public protection arrangements”.*

#### **4. The Report**

(1) The report contains a wealth of information from each of the key agencies engaged in the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board. The following paragraphs give a brief overview of key sections of the report.

(2) **Section 2** provides a summary of a number of key documents published in 2012-2013 which have influenced the safeguarding agenda.

(3) **Section 3** summarises the local context for adult safeguarding in Kent and Medway.

(4) **Section 4** outlines the multi-agency safeguarding training programme supported by the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board. This section highlights activity and progress towards the training review implementation plan.

(5) **Section 5** provides details of the funding arrangements for the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board.

(6) **Section 6** summarises the work of each member agency of the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board.

(7) **Section 7** outlines the activity data for adult safeguarding in Kent and Medway. This includes referral data, the background data in regard to victims and the current trends in relation to adult safeguarding in Kent and Medway.

(8) **Section 8** identifies the key priorities for the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board for 2013-2014.

#### **5. Conclusion**

(1) The Annual Report provides a retrospective view of the work of the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board and details key safeguarding activity between April 2012 – March 2013.

#### **6. Recommendations**

(1) Members are asked to NOTE and COMMENT on the attached report.

#### **7. Background Documents**

(1) None

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## **Appendices**

**Appendix 1:** Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Annual Report: April 2012 – March 2013