

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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PROTOCOL SETTING OUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN KEY STRATEGIC BOARDS IN MEDWAY

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The report accompanies a revised and updated Protocol, which sets out the roles and responsibilities of the different strategic partnerships working across Medway Council in relation to safeguarding and wellbeing. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the Protocol and sign up to its implementation.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 Medway Council works in partnership with the NHS, other public sector providers and the voluntary and community sector to improve the experience of service users (both adults and children) and their carers. Recent health and social care reforms have introduced new structures and processes and there are a number of strategic boards and partnerships, with complementary roles and functions, all of which have a role in relation to safeguarding.
- 1.2 Recent Ofsted inspections of Children's Social Care services have identified a need for a clear and agreed protocol, signed by strategic partnerships, which clarify these respective roles and responsibilities.

2. Background

- 2.1 A Protocol was agreed by the Boards in November 2014 which set out an expectation that each Board will have the opportunity to see, comment on and challenge the safeguarding priorities of other strategic bodies and be updated on progress on their work. It has been now been updated and revised.
- 2.2 The revised protocol will be taken to other named strategic boards and partnerships for sign off during April and May 2017.

3. Advice and Analysis

- 3.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Health and Wellbeing Board members to read and discuss the revised Protocol and if in agreement, for the chair to sign to evidence acceptance.

There are no policy or structure implications.

4. Risk Management

- 4.1 Failure to have an agreed protocol, which evidences clarity and understanding on the part of Board members about roles and responsibilities between strategic Boards, presents a risk to the Council in relation to future Ofsted inspection grading.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 All strategic Boards were consulted about this Protocol in 2014. The significant change is the removal of Medway Children's Action Network which has now ceased to have a strategic role and function.

6. Financial and legal implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications in relation to agreeing the protocol.

- 6.2 There are no legal implications in relation to this report.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note and review the protocol and if in agreement, for the chair to sign to evidence acceptance.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Protocol Setting out the Relationship Between Strategic Partnerships Relating to the Safeguarding of Children and Adults

Appendix 2 Strategic Partnership Roles

Background papers

None.