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To: Kent Children's Trust Board
Date of Meeting: 4th March 2011
Subject: Children's Services - National Updates

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Summary of Paper: To provide an update on recent guidance, legislation and reports that impact on work with children, young people and families

KCT Board Members are asked to:

- Note the summary of national reports and reviews and disseminate where appropriate within your agency.

1. Headlines

1.1 Munro Review of Child Protection

- Emphasis on 'early help'
- Encouragement of multi-agency teams that utilise social work expertise to help in assessing need and levels of support

Weblink - <http://www.education.gov.uk/munroreview/>

1.2 Allen Report on Early Intervention

- Recommends approaches that have a greater emphasis on validated, evidence-based programmes
- Requirement for interventions to have clear evaluation built in at the start.
- Clarity on target group and expected outcomes

Weblink - <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/early-intervention-next-steps.pdf>

1.3 Frank Field Report on Poverty and Life chances

- Emphasis on the importance of early language and communications development; development of emotional and behavioural skills and importance of health and support and interventions early in a child's life
- Parenting capacity and capability is crucial, as is maternal mental health and the educational level of the mother

Weblink - <http://www.frankfield.co.uk/review-on-poverty-and-life-chances/>

1.4 C4EO - Grasping the Nettle

- Timely identification of problems
- Appropriate interventions applied well
- Five 'golden threads':
 - o Best start in life
 - o Language for life
 - o Engaging parents
 - o Smarter working, better services
 - o Knowledge is power (evidence)

Weblink -

www.c4eo.org.uk/themes/earlyintervention/default.aspx?themeid=12&accesstypeid=1

1.5 Community Budgets - Families with Complex Needs:

- Targets families with multiple problems
- Identifies which groups of families or type of problems should be prioritised and how the experience of the children and families will change as a result
- Identifies the number of families with problems in the L.A. area and how these will be supported over the next 3-4 years
- Sets out measurable outcomes, cost savings and improvements - explain how this will be monitored and reported
- Involves pooled budgets / resources

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1.6 Health Visitor Implementation Plan 2011-15, *A call to action*

- Sets out the vision of the new health visiting service and the call to action for the stakeholders involved.
- Identifies the pathway to 2015 and provides information about the work programmes that will support the implementation.
- Highlights the importance of partnership working and outlines what families can expect from the new health visiting service, the role health visitors can play and what will be expected from commissioners and providers.

Weblink

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_124202

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