

## Thanet Children's Board Priorities – Overview

- The Thanet Children's Board (COG) held its inaugural meeting on 25 September 2014.
- Historically it has been challenging for the Board to co-ordinate representation from Social Care, Education, Schools and Health to get the right people around the table and hold people to account. However the TCB has reinvigorated membership, not least because of re-structures now in place across the county and a re-focus on what is needed. Membership includes, CCG Clinical Lead, TDC Leader, Early Help Area Manager, 0-25 Early Help Manager for Thanet, KCC Public Health, TDC and Community Safety, KCC Specialist Children's Services and Kent Safeguarding Children.
- At its second meeting in December 2014 the Board decided to hold an Extraordinary Meeting on 24 February 2015 specifically to look at identifying key priorities and resolve 'quick' issues.
- At the Extraordinary Meeting it became clear that tackling absence/exclusion is a cross cutting issue for Education, Kent Police, Health, Specialist Children's Services, and Public Health. Gang crime, child sexual exploitation is a major issue and young people on the streets are vulnerable to be exploited and targeted by gangs.
- The Thanet Children's Board at its meeting on 19 March agreed to target as its key priority, Exclusions and Absenteeism, and set up a Task and Finish group to further explore the Thanet Exclusion Project led by Rob Comber to develop the Programme Ideation.

Thanet Children's Board – Identified Key Priorities	Partnerships / organisations leading delivery	Current data (if available/applicable)	Interventions/Performance Measures
<b>1. Increase levels of safeguarding across all areas.</b>	Kent Safeguarding Children's Board plus all providers		
<b>2. Reduce absenteeism and the number of exclusions in Thanet</b>	KCC Education, KCC Specialist Children's Services, Early Help & Prevention, Kent Police, Public Health and CCG	Permanent exclusions in Thanet have increased over the last three years and account for 46% of all permanent exclusions in Kent.  There has also been an increase in the number of young pupils (5-7) being excluded from Thanet primary schools.	Thanet Exclusion Project. Thematic, cross-cutting, multi-disciplinary approach, using Theory of Change Model.  Programmes and interventions that have the greatest impact in reducing exclusions and improving outcomes for children.

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			Programmes and strategies which increase capacity of schools to manage behaviour. Reduction in number of exclusions across primary schools at a rate greater than recent trends.
<b>3. Reduce the number of missing children in Thanet</b>	KCC Education, KCC Specialist Children's Services, Early Help Help & Prevention, Kent Police, Public Health and CCG, TDC and Community Safety Partnership	A total of 235 Looked after Children (LAC) were recorded as being placed in Thanet in 2013-14 out of a total for Kent of 1842 (13%). Of these there were 167 missing LAC incidents	
<b>4. Reduce number of vulnerable young people at risk, including those at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation and Gang involvement</b>	TDC, Community Safety Partnership, KCC Education, KCC Specialist Children's Services, Early Help & Prevention, Kent Police, Public Health and CCG		Margate Task Force EOI to the Social Care and Innovation Fund for funding to work with Children in Social Care and at risk from gangs and going missing
<b>5. Improve the child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS)</b>	Clinical Commissioning Group, Public Health		Public Health is monitoring the effect changes to the CAF process may have on CAMHS
<b>6. Increase breastfeeding initiation rates and prevalence at 6-8 weeks</b>	Children's Centres District Advisory Board (DAB) + GPs + commissioned by Public Health. Health Visitors and Midwives also lead.	Breastfeeding initiation rates for Thanet are 71.4% compared to national average of 73.9%(Public Health England Health Profile 2014)	Breastfeeding initiation and prevalence at 6-8 weeks after birth
<b>7. Reduce smoking prevalence of smoking mothers</b>	Midwives + Children's Centres DAB + Public Health	In Thanet 17.6% of pregnant women continuing to smoke, compared with the England average of 12.7% (Public Health England Health Profile August	Smoking status at time of delivery

		2014)	
<b>8. Reduce risk-taking behaviour in Children and Young People, e.g. smoking, sexual health, teenage conception, drugs alcohol specific stays in hospital for the under 18s</b>	KCC Early Help and Preventative Service 0-25, Public Health, Schools	Alcohol-specific hospital stays (under 18) in Thanet are 58.3% compared to the national average of 44.9%	Full suite of measures set out on Early Help and Prevention 0-25 Scorecard.  Focus in Thanet on alcohol and then drugs
<b>9. Reduce teenage under 18 conception rates</b>	KCC Early Help and Preventative Service 0-25, Public Health, School Nurses	Teenage conception rates for 2014 are significantly higher in Thanet than the rest of Kent at 36.1% compared to the national average of 27.7% (although significant reduction compared to 2010 at 59.6%).(Public Health England Health Profile August 2014)	Full suite of measures set out in KCC Early Help and Preventative Services 0-25 scorecard.
<b>10. Deliver the universal child health promotion programme to all Thanet children</b>	Public Health, GPs, Health Visitors and School Nurses		