
To: **Thanet Health and Wellbeing Board**

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Summary: **To provide a brief overview of the Thanet Leadership Group and to introduce the Thanet Leadership Group's four thematic questions to the Board.**

1.0 Background

1.1 The purpose of the Thanet Leadership Group is to provide a mechanism by which the Executive Leadership of the public agencies, along with other partners, will either directly and/or indirectly through staff:

- Oversee and influence the direction of the main partnership groupings, to ensure they are consistently working towards the shared priorities and outcomes, and
- Mitigate mutual risks and issues, providing firm foundations for robust district-wide partnership working

1.2 The overarching aspiration of the Thanet Leadership Group is: by working in partnership, public sector agencies in the District can maintain and improve outcomes for the residents of Thanet, against a backdrop of severe austerity.

1.3 The strategic outcomes of the Thanet Leadership Group are contained in the table below:

Strategic Outcome	Supporting Outcome
Ensuring the safety of young people in Thanet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A pathway for Thanet Children to thrive into young adulthood, safe from harm.• Children in Care in Thanet are kept safe and secure, whilst dissuading further placements.
Giving the young people of Thanet the best start in life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education and skills provision is dynamic and flexible to meet the needs of young people in Thanet.• Children in Care in Thanet have the best start in life.
Improving the physical and mental health of Thanet residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better, more integrated mental health provision and seamless transition from CAMHS to adults.• Achieve a sustainable improvement in Thanet young people's mental health.

2.0 Functions of the Thanet Leadership Group

2.1 The functions of the Thanet Leadership Group are to:

- Promote and develop a shared set of priorities, risks, opportunities and outcomes;
- Directly and indirectly; influence the course of the main Thanet partnership groupings, whilst fostering productive strategic relationships with other partners;
- Taking the lead role to shape, influence and align resource allocation, to enable both joint-working and collaborative partnerships;
- Sharing information between agencies, as well as providing the platform for networking and engagement with partners.

3.0 Moving Forward

3.1 The Thanet Leadership Group have agreed three strategic outcomes; agreed a number of supporting outcomes; agreed a (draft) basket of indicators to measure success.

3.2 From the performance and comparator data, the Thanet Leadership Group feel there are four thematic questions that need to be discussed and tested with the Partnerships in Thanet to drive the alignment exercise forward. The four thematic questions are:

1. Are partners actively targeting known cohort of individuals with overlapping need and risk, to drive improved outcomes?
2. Are partners confident that recent improvements in early years and primary will be maintained upstream in secondary and further education?
3. Are all partners doing everything they can to challenge inappropriate placements of vulnerable individuals and families into Thanet?
4. Is there a need for a more active post-16 strategy for young people in Thanet to support transition into work and adulthood?

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