Appendix A

Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Health and Wellbeing Board Workshop
Joint Working Initiatives and Possibilities with Kent Fire and Rescue Service
10 July 2015

Background
As Members of the Board may recall they received a presentation from Officers of
the Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFR) on joint working at the Meeting held on 17
December 2014.
Arising from that presentation the Board agreed that a workshop type event be
arranged to allow for discussion between KFS and relevant officers from the three
constituent Councils, the commissioning group and KCC Officers.

This meeting was held on Friday 10 July at Dartford Civic Centre.

Presentation and Discussion
Officers were invited from the three constituent Authorities, Kent County Council, and
the Clinical Commissioning Group, and representatives from all areas were in
attendance.
A presentation was made by Officer Martin Adams the Assistant Director Community
Safety from the Kent Fire and Rescue Service KFRS. A copy of the presentation is
attached.
Mr Adams explained that as a result of falling numbers of emergency call outs
across the County, his Officers had spare capacity to undertake a number of other
tasks, and the Service was seeking opportunities to develop partnerships with local
service providers to use this capacity.
He stressed that KFRS were not attempting to take over service provision but
wanted to work in partnership with local providers for the benefit of local residents
who after all were our common clients.
It was noted that KFRS already had a number of common priorities with health
providers, especially relating to vulnerable people, but that there was room for
development.

Conclusion
Many of the officers present expressed great interest in working with KFRS,
especially as its services appeared to be without charge.
However it was recognised that little concrete could be achieved at this session but
that its value lie in the dissemination of information and the development of links and
networks for future work. Accordingly contact details were circulated by all present
and Neil Murphy, the Clerk to the HWB, undertook to act as an additional point of
contact should the necessity arise.