

## CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP

**Venue:** Town Hall, Moorgate  
Street, Rotherham. S60  
2TH

**Date:** Wednesday, 20th November,  
2013

**Time:** 2.00 p.m.

### A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence.

#### **For Decision:-**

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 18th September, 2013 herewith) (Pages 1 - 8)
3. Matters Arising.
4. Issues and Concerns:-
  - Youth Cabinet.

#### **For Discussion:-**

5. Commissioning/Delivery of Emergency Hormonal Contraception to Young Girls Aged 14-16 Years (report herewith) (Pages 9 - 10)
6. YH HWB Improving Health Outcomes for Children (report herewith) (Pages 11 - 14)
7. Rotherham Report Card 2012/13 (herewith) (Pages 15 - 17)
8. Health Profiles 2013 (report herewith) (Pages 18 - 21)
9. Multi Agency Review of Serious Child Neglect Cases Report + Case Studies (herewith) (Pages 22 - 25)

#### **For Information:-**

10. Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Cabinet Minutes held on 26th September, 2013 (herewith) (Pages 26 - 30)

11. Minutes of a meeting of Rotherham's Local Safeguarding Children's Board held on 14th June, 2013 (herewith) (Pages 31 - 42)

12. Any Other Business.

13. Date and Times of Future Meetings:-

- 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014 – **changed to 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2014**
- 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2014
- 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2014
- 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2014

All meetings will be held 2.00 p.m. - Town Hall

**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP**  
**Wednesday, 18th September, 2013**

Present:- Councillor Lakin (in the Chair); Councillors Pickering and Roche, Steve Ashley, Claire Burton, Sara Graham, Jason Harwin, Barbara Murrey, Rachel Nicholls, Dr. David Polkinghorn, Dr. John Radford, Joyce Thacker, Janet Wheatley and Sarah Whittle .

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Kimber, Shona MacFarlane, Julie Mott, Sue Skalycz, Dorothy Smith and Chrissy Wright.

**228. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2013, were considered and approved as a correct record.

Arising from Minute No. 226(B) (CAMHS), John Radford stated that there had been a number of issues regarding its re-organisation particularly around the thresholds for referrals.

Sarah Whittle stated that it was a Service commissioned by the CCG and they should be informed of any issues so they could be resolved through the contract process; this was not currently happening.

Any issue with CAMHS should be referred to the CCG for investigation.

**229. ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

**Looked after Children's Council**

- Currently meeting fortnightly for Voice and Influence training
- Also meeting weekly and holding additional weekend meetings to prepare presentations and complete high profile work
- 3 days residential at Manchester University Campus at Crewe, theme being 'Campaign don't Complain'.
- 3 Chill & Chat days held over the summer holidays
- Sub-group formed of leaving care young people who received basic peer consultation training and were supported in the design, development, delivery and analysis of feedback from Rotherham young people
- Involvement in a number of consultations including Health and Wellbeing, South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner survey

- Engagement in the interview process for the new Service Manager, Family Placement and Residential Services

### **Youth Cabinet**

Due to issues regarding suicide and self harm in the Borough, it had been suggested to the Youth Cabinet that it was an important piece of work they may wish to undertake. They had given it some consideration and agreed that they would be interested in looking at self harm, what it meant for young people and making Services more accessible to them. They would like support with the work from partner agencies particularly the attendance of a Public Health representative to speak about what self harm meant in Rotherham and its prevalence etc.

David Polkinghorn reported that work had been undertaken between the CCG, RDaSH and CAMHS on the guidance and pathways of care covering the whole spectrum of the Health Services available. The work was almost finalised and may be appropriate to link the 2 together.

### **Young Carers Card**

The Card was to be launched at 5.00 p.m. that day at MyPlace.

### **Child Sexual Exploitation**

- The CSE Sub-Group met on a monthly basis.
- Action plan has been revised in light of the Home Select Commission and Rochdale Inquiry and would be sent to every named person who had an action in the plan by the end of the week. Colleagues would be invited to submit an update by the 7<sup>th</sup> October for the CSE Sub-Group meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> with a full report to the December meeting of the Local Safeguarding Board.
- The Barnardos Review of CSE activity in the Borough. A report would be produced for the 7<sup>th</sup> October.
- The Chair of the Safeguarding Board was to conduct a diagnostic review of CSE on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October.
- The Authority had announced there was to be an independent inquiry into historical CSE. The Terms of Reference had now been agreed and would cover 1997-January, 2013. There was no timescale for completion as yet as the LGA was to commission the work independently of the Council and would agree the timeline with the independent person. All agencies would be looked at. The inquiry was to be welcomed and any partner asked to contribute would be urged to do so.
- HMI would be conducting a National Thematic Review of CSE in Rotherham on the 30<sup>th</sup> September. It would be very much focused on internet grooming.

- The Police and Crime Commissioner had commissioned 3 pieces of work – the Crown Prosecution Services' involvement in CSE, cold case review of CSE and a thorough review of the process and structures currently in place in South Yorkshire Police to investigate allegations of CSE.

### **Fostering**

The inspection report had now been published. The Authority had received a "good" rating with only 2 recommendations.

## **230. IMPLICATIONS OF NEW MULTI-AGENCY FRAMEWORK**

Sue Wilson, Performance and Quality Manager gave the following powerpoint presentation:-

Inspection of Services for Children in need of Help and Protection, Children Looked After and Leaving Care

A Single Inspection Framework encompassing

- Early Help
- Child Protection
- Looked After Children (previously in SLAC)
- Fostering
- Adoption
- Care Leavers
- LSCB

It would be announced and include 4 judgements

- Overall effectiveness
- The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection
- The experiences and progress of children looked after and achieving permanence (including Adoption and Care Leavers)
- Leadership, management and governance
- There would also be a review and grading of the effectiveness of the LSCB

Methodology

- 4 week inspection, 7 Inspectors
- Week 1 (onsite 3 days)
  - Set up
  - Key documents and full case list supplied within 24 hours
  - Evaluation of 'Front door'
- Week 2 (Inspectors off site)
  - Select 30 cases for the Authority to audit to be presented at start of week 3
- Weeks 3 and 4 (Inspectors onsite)
  - Main inspection activity (interviews, visits, attendance at groups)

and meetings etc.)

- Follow up on key themes from audited cases
- Look at approximately 200 further files
- Children's experiences were key, would include visits to children in and out of Authority placements
- Would look at the child's journey as a whole from help given at identification (Early help) through to Leaving Care

Areas covered during the inspection would include

- 1. The experiences and progress of children who needed help and protection
  - Were children listened to and practice influenced by their wishes and feelings
  - Did feedback from children and families inform the shape of Service delivery
  - Was help offered timely
  - Quality of referrals from partners
  - Information sharing with partners
  - Were thresholds understood by partners
  - Was decision making clearly recorded
  - Quality of plans (CIN, CPP)
  - Focus on Children Missing, CSE, Private Fostering, LADO investigations
  - Advocates for Children, Young People and Families were available
  - Practice was informed by feedback from Children, Young People and Families
- 2. The experiences and progress of children looked after and achieving permanence
  - Decision making was timely
  - Effective use of Public Law Outline, permanent plans were made
  - Evidence that families would change and it was safe to return
  - Children and young people were seen alone, knew how to complain and were safe from bullying
  - Children were in good health, had a range of activities, attended school and made progress, lived in stable, safe and appropriate homes
  - Care plans addressed the needs of children and were challenged by IROs where necessary
  - Appropriate supported contact with parents was in place
  - Family finding strategies informed by assessed need
  - Well trained Social Workers engaged with partners
- 2a. The quality of an Adoption Services
  - Adoption was considered for all children who were unable to return home
  - Recruitment, assessment and training of adopters enabled needs of children to be met
  - The Panel and agency decision maker ensured effective matching
  - Adoption support was available for those children, their birth and

adoption families

- 2b. The experiences and progress of Care Leavers  
Care leavers were safe and felt safe  
Pathway plans addresses all needs  
Health needs were assessed and met with a full history provided to them  
Relationships were maintained with carers and staff from the Local Authority  
Skills, confidence, employment and life chances were developed
- 3. Leadership and Management  
Clear linkages across all strategic bodies  
The Local Authority knew itself well, was a learning organisation and feedback and complaints inform practice  
Corporate Parenting was strong and champions progress in education and learning  
Relationships with key parents were strong  
The workforce was sufficient, stable and suitably qualified  
Performance Management was rigorous

#### Annex A

- Normally requested with 24 hours from being onsite:-  
To enable cases to be identified  
Detailed case level data sets around the areas in scope (contacts, referrals, early help, CAF, CIN, CPP, LAC, Adoptions, Placement details and Care Leavers)
- Also document evidence around  
Structures and workforce profiles  
Performance, Outcomes and Impact analysis  
Local Protocol for Assessment  
Voice of the Child and customer feedback  
Quality assurance and related actions  
Complaints  
RSCB minutes  
Details of planned meetings during fieldwork  
Key strategies  
Thresholds

#### Judgement Grades

- Outstanding
- Good (the new minimum standard)
- Requires improvement
- Inadequate

#### Recommendations will focus on

- Immediate priorities
- Areas for development
- Strengths

The planning for the inspection will be in 3 tiers

- Annex A
  - Co-ordination – Performance and Quality
  - Quality Assurance – Team Managers and Social Workers
- Social Care practice – Safeguarding, Children and Families SMT
- Partnership approach – CYPS Improvement Panel
- CYPS Improvement panel would also have an overview around the preparedness for the inspection

Sue was thanked for the presentation.

## **231. ANNUAL LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD REPORT AND BUSINESS PLAN**

Steve Ashley, Independent Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, presented the 2012/13 Annual Report.

Boards were required to produce and publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding children in the local area as mandated in the Children Act 2004 (S14a) as amended by the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009. Under the recently revised statutory guidance, the annual report should:-

- Provide a rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services. It should identify areas of weakness, the cause of those weaknesses and the action being taken to address them as well as other proposals for action. The report should include lessons from reviews undertaken within the reporting period
- Be published in relation to the preceding financial year and should fit with local agencies' planning, commissioning and budget cycles.
- List the contributions made to the Board by partner agencies and details of what the Board had spent including on Child Death Reviews, Serious Case Reviews and other specific expenditure such as learning events or training. All Board member organisations had an obligation to provide Boards with reliable resources (including finance) that enabled it to be strong and effective. Members should share the financial responsibility for the Board in such a way that a disproportionate burden did not fall on a small number of partner agencies

Key priorities for Rotherham's Board, highlighted in the 2012/13 Annual Report, being progressed through the 2013/16 Business Plan and the work of the Sub-Groups included;-

- A multi-agency local protocol (framework) for the assessment of children



- A performance and quality framework to measure the effectiveness of Early Help Services on outcomes for children and their families
- A Learning and Improvement Framework to enable lessons learned to be translated into improved outcomes for children
- Revised protocols for effective governance and partnership arrangements within the Borough
- An updated LSCB constitution and revisions to its Sub-Groups so that they can deliver the work and priorities of the Board
- Ensure that the Child Sexual Exploitation Service, including other partners, were responsive to the needs of young people involved in or vulnerable to CSE through the implementation of the CSE Strategy and delivery of the CSE Action Plan
- Continue to develop the importance of understanding the child's voice and journey through services in particular the Child Protection process
- Ensure that children subject to a Child Protection Plan received thorough multi-agency assessments of need and risk, effective care plans that addressed these and reviewed them well

It was noted that the report was the work of the former Chair, Alan Hazel, and Phil Morris, Business Manager.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the former Local Safeguarding Children's Board Chair, Alan Hazel, be thanked for his work together with Phil Morris, Business Manager, in compiling the report.

(3) That the report be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board and respective partner agencies for information.

### **232. YH HWB IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN**

Further to Minute No. 214 of 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013, the revised Action Plan, which considered ways to improve health outcomes for children within Rotherham, was considered.

A sub-group had met and agreed 3 areas where it was felt further work was required as set out on the plan.

A further report would be submitted in January, 2014.

Resolved:- That the action plan be noted.

### **233. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

#### **Voluntary Action Rotherham**

Janet Wheatley reported that VAR had been worked with the British Council for Future Years on international programme working. There was an opportunity to young people (18-25 years) to participate in an exchange visit to Sri Lanka and was also open to those in employment.

**234. DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Resolved:- That meetings be held for the remainder of 2013/14 Municipal year as follows:-

20<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014

19<sup>th</sup> March

21<sup>st</sup> May

16<sup>th</sup> July

all commencing at 2.00 p.m. and held in the Rotherham Town Hall.

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Children, Young People and Families Partnership</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> November 2013</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Progress report in relation to safeguarding arrangements for young people accessing sexual health services in Rotherham.</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Public Health</b>

### 5. Summary

This report is to update the Partnership in relation to the progress made to date on the development of care pathways and safeguarding reporting mechanisms for all young people accessing sexual health services in Rotherham.

Service providers and commissioners are in the process of harmonising protocols and reviewing care pathways.

### 6. Recommendations

That the Partnership notes the progress made.

Full implementation across GUM and CASH by the end of December 2013

### 7. Proposals and Details

Following the recommendations of the Partnership a group was established to look at the development of protocols and referral mechanisms in relation to appropriate sexual health service provision and safeguarding.

Care pathways will be developed to allow for the extension of the Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) service in Pharmacies to young women aged 14 to 16 which will include an automatic referrals for all under 16 year olds to a named team within IYSS. Public Health will work with both IYSS and Pharmacy representatives to agree the necessary protocols and pathways prior to the extension being agreed. This work is now underway.

An electronic recording system (similar to that already in use for supervised consumption of drugs at Pharmacies) is being introduced which will immediately alert any Pharmacist to the pathway that will allow for accurate monitoring.

Protocols in relation to under 16 year old children attending the Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM) and Contraceptive and Sexual Health (CaSH) already include

screening for sexual exploitation.

These will be developed to raise the profile of CSE to enhance the capture of concerns in relation to possible sexual exploitation and contain appropriate referral mechanisms.

GUM and CaSH are moving to an integrated service where the protocols and referral criteria should be harmonised. These protocols are currently being worked on and an algorithm for referral to the newly appointed sexual exploitation nurse is being developed.

Once this work is completed these specialist protocols will be developed for use in general practice.

## **8. Finance**

No further financial considerations.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Rotherham has made good progress in relation to tackling unintended teenage pregnancy, the numbers having fallen in recent years. The lack of community based EHC provision for younger, vulnerable young women could lead to an upward trend in unintended pregnancy, reversing the progress that has been made in the borough.

Rotherham also needs to tackle the level of sexually transmitted infections in the population by targeting those most at risk. It has been acknowledged, however, that there are safeguarding issues to be taken into consideration with sexual activity below the age of 16 years and, therefore, an automatic referral system between Community Pharmacists and IYSS is being developed and the referral pathways for the specialised services are being strengthened.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

There are implications for performance in relation to the Public Health Outcomes Framework (Teenage pregnancy, Chlamydia screening and HIV early detection). The further development of the safeguarding measures should also be seen as a contribution to measures designed to identify and prevent sexual exploitation.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Public Health Outcome Framework for England, 2013 - 2016

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**Gill Harrison, Public Health Specialist,  
Jo Abbott, Consultant in Public Health**

**YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER REGIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING COLLABORATIVE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
POLICY WORK STREAM – IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN  
ACTION**

**LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA/CCG**

Rotherham

<b>What needs to be done?</b> The actions we might need to take to improve the systems and processes which lead to better outcomes for children, young people and their families (Taken from 'Initial Recommendations', Health from Mars, Local Authority from Venus?' Dec 2012)	<b>How might we tackle this?</b> (Initial actions)	<b>Who might do it?</b> Who might lead action and who might be involved	<b>Local/sub regional or regional?</b>			<b>When might it be done by?</b> (Take into account is it urgent?)	<b>Progress (Nov 13)</b>
			L	SR	R		
1. Undertake activity to develop a mutual understanding of who has authority for decision making and holding responsibility. Locate existing effective partnerships in the new planning framework. If they are not effective review whether they are still needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of governance</li> <li>Still some work to be undertaken in this area, as health commissioning has changed considerably.</li> <li>Governance Structures currently being mapped</li> </ul>	P&Q Team Commissioning	L			Dec 2013	The development of a governance structure is being developed through the HWBB and this is work in progress.

<p><b>What needs to be done?</b></p> <p>The actions we might need to take to improve the systems and processes which lead to better outcomes for children, young people and their families</p> <p>(Taken from 'Initial Recommendations', Health from Mars, Local Authority from Venus?' Dec 2012)</p>	<p><b>How might we tackle this?</b></p> <p>(Initial actions)</p>	<p><b>Who might do it?</b></p> <p>Who might lead action and who might be involved</p>	<p><b>Local/sub regional or regional?</b></p>			<p><b>When might it be done by?</b></p> <p>(Take into account is it urgent?)</p>	<p><b>Progress (Nov 13)</b></p>
			L	SR	R		
<p>2. Develop an understanding of available budget/resources in advance of developing operational plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual assessment of partner resources to fund CYPP priorities</li> <li>We will look at this in a different way to previously – and try and apportion costs to age groups e.g 0-5 etc so we can see where the bulk of our resource is being spent – and compare to outcomes in these areas</li> <li>The above suggestion would require benchmarking and should be driven by the JSNA and the Children's Audit</li> <li>Develop a Joint Commissioning Strategy</li> </ul>	<p>Joanne Robertson</p> <p>Joanne Robertson / Chrissy Wright</p>	L			<p>Dec 2013</p> <p>Dec 2013</p>	<p>Further work to take place in relation to partners budgets, links to the Integration Transformation Fund</p> <p>The responsibility for a joint commissioning strategy with health partners is held by the HWBB and work is in progress on how the Integration Transformation fund will be utilised to progress joint commissioning</p>

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			L	SR	R		
<p>3. Identify blocks to information sharing and test data sharing protocols and processes for robustness and resilience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assurance conversations with key service leads.</li> <li>NHS Standards of Connectivity issues to be resolved (ICT issues)</li> </ul>	<p>Gary Walsh</p>	<p>L</p>			<p>Jan 14</p>	<p>Colleagues in Information Governance and ICT are currently working on the issues around IT security and compliance issues. Changes to Public Health highlighted these issues</p> <p>Work continues to take place around information sharing</p> <p>Specific issues with Public health's move highlighted further this issue around the council gaining Hosted Secondary Uses Service Status</p>

***The actions below are deemed as completed or part of other areas of work / developments***

Develop a clear statement of vision and values and ensure this is reinforced throughout the system. Ensure children feature strongly in the JSNA and Health and Wellbeing Strategy and that your Children and Young Peoples Plan or equivalent aligns.

Undertake an assurance exercise of the degree to which core vision and values are owned throughout and across the system and from strategic to operational levels.

Develop communication strategies to ensure a consistent dissemination of information and on-going engagement in the future development of strategy  
(For effective communication we need to ensure that we really understand the new commissioning arrangements to ensure that the appropriate parties are involved. (e.g. NCB) )

Develop strategies to mitigate the risk of pathway fragmentation.

Exploit the potential of the Health Visitor/School Nurse Offer (DH, 2010), through improved integration and systematic application of a structured framework for meeting child and public health outcomes.

Develop and apply short- and medium-term impact measures for early intervention and prevention, with jointly agreed outcomes for local achievement

Develop a jointly agreed strategic market management and procurement route shared and understood by all.

Prepare the workforce to deliver our aspirations through integrated training events and information sharing workshops.

Plan the transition for commissioning health visiting and school nursing through shared understanding of what this opportunity offers.

Test the robustness of relationships by turning vision and strategy into action

Identify ways of understanding cultural differences by investing in building resilient relationships which endure overtime.

Maximise the opportunity that commissioners with extensive experience and expertise from a wide range of backgrounds brings to the table.



<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP</b>
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<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> November 2013</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Rotherham Report Card 2012/13</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>Neighbourhood and Adult Services</b>

**5. Summary:**

The Rotherham Report Card is intended to inform Elected Members, colleagues, and the public how services and outcomes for children, young people and their families are being improved in Rotherham. The Report Card will also raise the profile of Children and Young People's Services (CYPS), give the public a snapshot of the services that are delivered, how they are viewed and how well they perform.

This is the first time that a Report Card has been produced and the information and data in this document relates to 2012/13 The Report Card is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

**6. Recommendations:**

That the Children, Young People and Families Partnership:

**6.1 Approve the draft Rotherham Report Card for publication.**

## 7. Proposals and Details:

### 7.1 Background

The attached draft CYPS Rotherham Report Card 2012/13 has been developed based on the Adult Services Local Account, a document that all Local Authorities are required to publish annually to inform citizens of how well Adult Social Care have performed, the challenges faced and plans for improvement to services.

CYPS do not have a statutory requirement to produce an annual Local Account, however CYPS DLT have taken the decision that it is good practice to inform **Elected Members, colleagues, and the public** of how well Children and Young People's services have performed and how the council and partners plan to improve services and the life chances for children, young people and families in Rotherham.

This 2012/13 Report Card has taken into account feedback from consultation with the Children and Young People's and Families Partnership, the Safeguarding Children and Families service and the Schools and Lifelong Learning service.

### 7.2 Proposals

The proposal is that the attached Rotherham Report Card 2012/13 is approved and published.

The following is a summary of the Rotherham Report Card. More detail is available in Appendix 1.

**Section 1. What are Children and Young People's Services** – A list of examples of services that are delivered by the council and partners in Rotherham and features celebrating some of the events that took place in 2012/13

**Section 2. How are Children & Young People's Services viewed externally & locally** – A detailed commentary on the Ofsted inspection of Rotherham's arrangements to protect children carried out in July 2012, identifying the strengths and areas for improvement and actions taken to address the requirements of the Ofsted Inspection. This section also includes a table to show Rotherham's current inspection outcome position including the performance direction of travel from during 2012/13 and narrative on key points.

**Section 3. Key Facts about how money is spent in Children & Young People's services** - Key areas of spend such as how much was spent on safeguarding children and families in 2012/13 and how much was spent on early years provision etc.

**Section 4. What customers think about services we deliver** - This section includes details of capturing the voice of the customer which is vital in the development of services and essential to inform where improvements are

required. This section also includes details of the number and types of complaints, compliments and comments received during 2012/13, the actions taken and new developments planned to ensure complaints are dealt with effectively and in a timely manner.

**Section 5. How we improved outcomes for Children, Young People and Families in Rotherham** - This section includes 4 priorities from the corporate plan that are the responsibility of CYPS. Each priority lists some of the key performance measures from 2012/13, performance against these performance indicators and actions being taken to continuously improve outcomes.

**Section 6. Partnership Working** – This section includes several examples of partnership working in Rotherham.

**Section 7. Our Plans for improving services** – This section includes the 4 priorities from the Council's corporate plan and following on from this the 4 priorities from the CYPS plan and the actions that will be taken to address these priorities.

**Section 8. Strategic Commissioning** – This section sets out the Strategic Commissioning approach and includes strategic and operational commissioning plans and priorities. Achievements are included to evidence the working across the council, regionally and sub regionally and with key stakeholders to deliver improved outcomes for children, young people and families, provide high quality services, value for money and financial efficiencies.

**Section 9. Future Challenges** – This section contains a brief description of some of the future challenges that the council faces.

**8. Finance:**

The staff time taken to produce the Rotherham Report Card has been absorbed into existing resources.

**9. Risks and Uncertainties:**

The information contained in this document is not all positive; however an effort has been made to give details of what Rotherham is doing to address any areas that are underperforming.

**10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications:**

None applicable

**11. Background Papers and Consultation:**

None applicable

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# Rotherham

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### Population 258,000

Mid-2011 population estimate

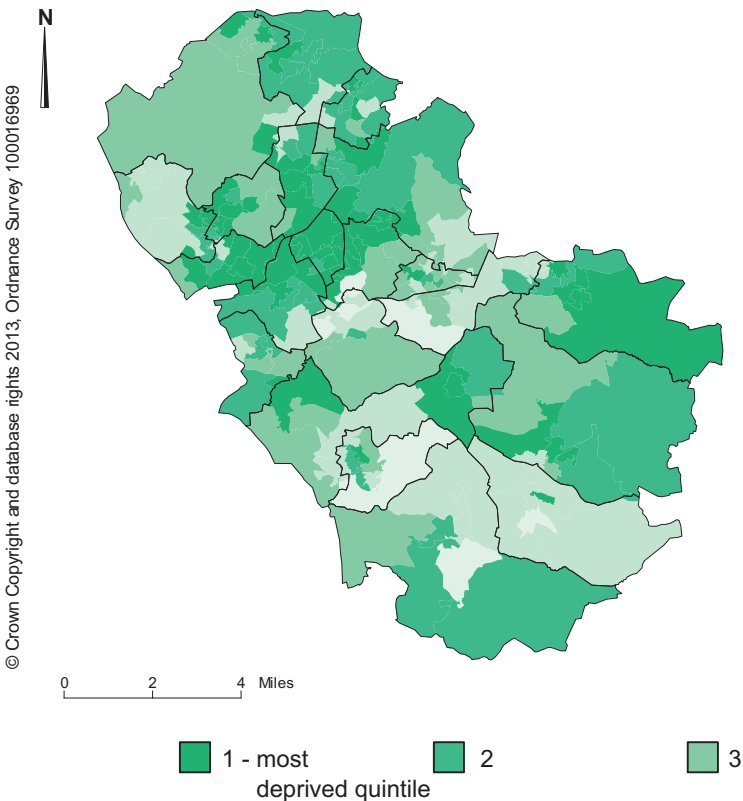
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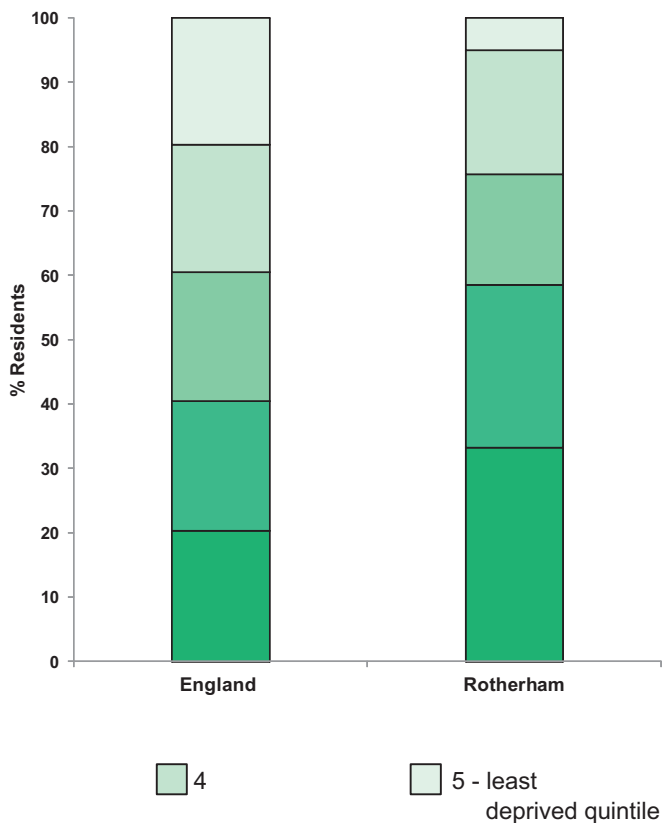
### Rotherham at a glance

- The health of people in Rotherham is generally worse than the England average. Deprivation is higher than average and about 11,500 children live in poverty. Life expectancy for both men and women is lower than the England average.
- Life expectancy is 10.2 years lower for men and 6.4 years lower for women in the most deprived areas of Rotherham than in the least deprived areas.
- Over the last 10 years, all cause mortality rates have fallen. The early death rate from heart disease and stroke has fallen and is worse than the England average.
- In Year 6, 20.5% of children are classified as obese. Levels of teenage pregnancy and breast feeding are worse than the England average.
- Estimated levels of adult 'healthy eating', smoking and obesity are worse than the England average. Rates of sexually transmitted infections, smoking related deaths and hospital stays for alcohol related harm are worse than the England average. The rate of road injuries and deaths is better than the England average. The rates of statutory homelessness and violent crime are better than average.
- Priorities for Rotherham include giving everyone the opportunity to start well, develop and age well, tackling the root causes of ill health and identify issues early and prevent premature mortality. For further information see [www.rotherham.gov.uk](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk)

This map shows differences in deprivation levels in this area based on national quintiles (of the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2010 by Lower Super Output Area). The darkest coloured areas are some of the most deprived areas in England.

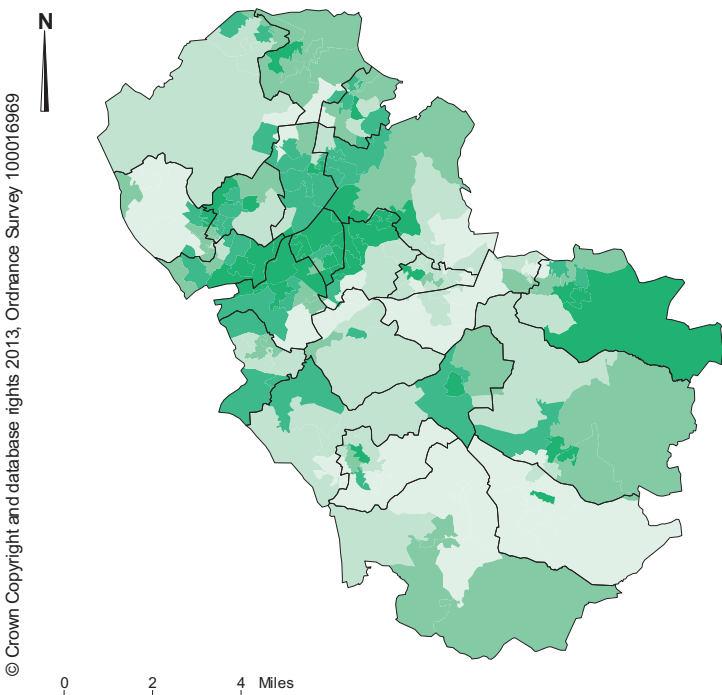


This chart shows the percentage of the population in England and this area who live in each of these quintiles.



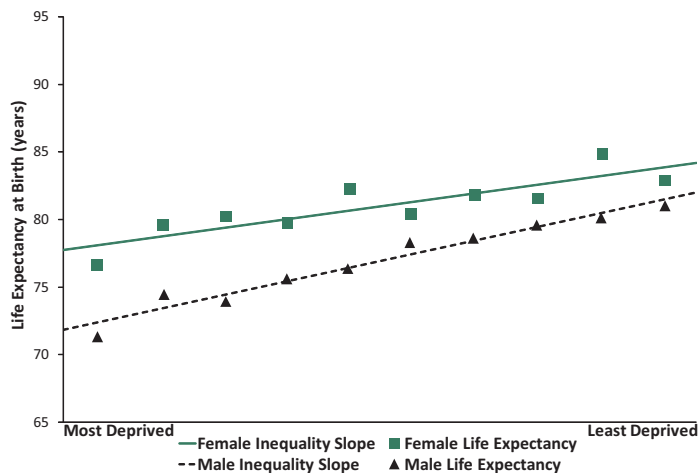
# Health inequalities: a local view

This map shows differences in deprivation levels in this area based on local quintiles (of the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2010 by Lower Super Output Area). The darkest coloured areas are the most deprived in this area.



Legend as above

The lines on this chart represent the Slope Index of Inequality, which is a modelled estimate of the range in life expectancy at birth across the whole population of this area from most to least deprived. Based on death rates in 2006-2010, this range is 10.2 years for males and 6.4 years for females. The points on this chart show the average life expectancy in each tenth of the population of this area.



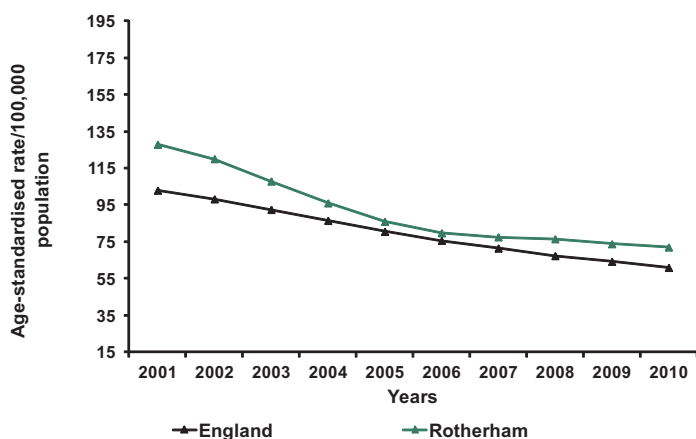
These graphs show how changes in death rates for this area compare with changes for the whole of England. Data points on the graph are mid-points of 3-year averages of yearly rates. For example the dot labelled 2003 represents the 3-year period 2002 to 2004.

Trend 1 compares rates of death, at all ages and from all causes, in this area with those for England.

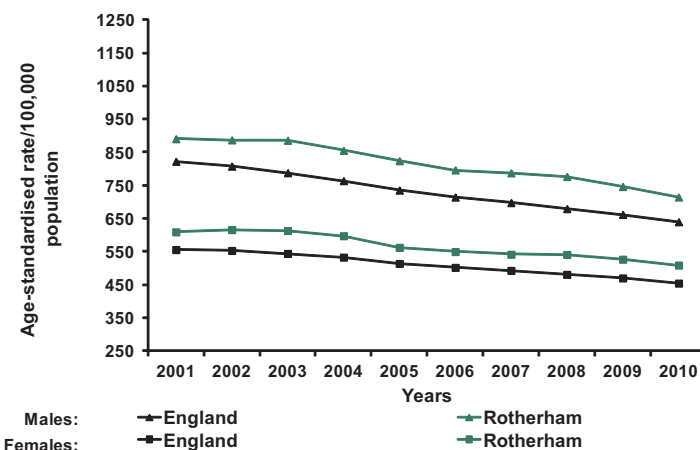
Trend 2 compares rates of early death from heart disease and stroke (in people under 75) in this area with those for England.

Trend 3 compares rates of early death from cancer (in people under 75) in this area with those for England.

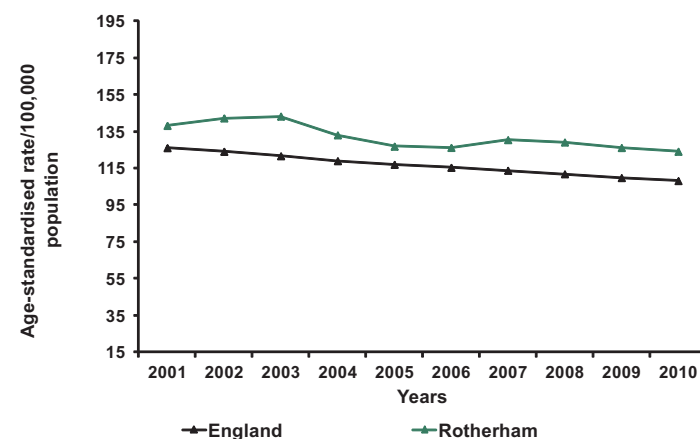
## Trend 2: Early death rates from heart disease and stroke



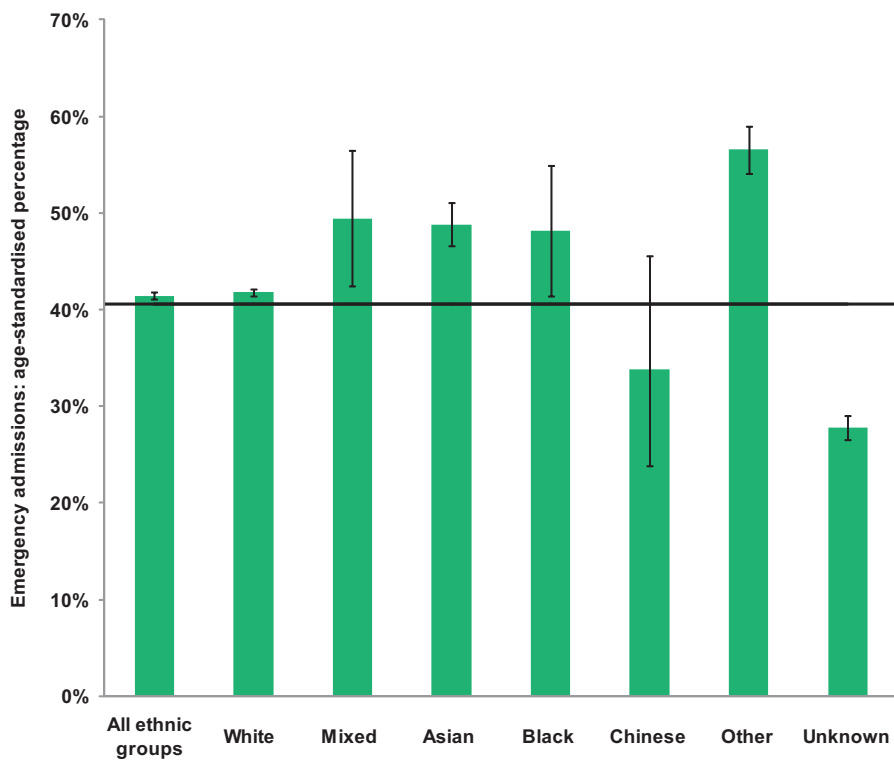
## Trend 1: All age, all cause mortality



## Trend 3: Early death rates from cancer



# Health inequalities: ethnicity



This chart shows the percentage of hospital admissions in 2011/12 that were emergencies for each ethnic group in this area. A high percentage of emergency admissions may reflect some patients not accessing or receiving the care most suited to managing their conditions. By comparing the percentage in each ethnic group in this area with that of the whole population of England (represented by the horizontal line) possible inequalities can be identified.

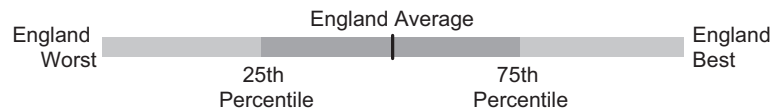
■ Rotherham  
— England average (all ethnic groups)  
 95% confidence intervals

Figures based on small numbers of admissions have been suppressed to avoid any potential disclosure of information about individuals.

	33346	29786	122	1000	104	25	968	1341	
	41.4%	41.8%	49.4%	48.8%	48.1%	33.9%	56.5%	27.8%	<b>Local number of emergency admissions</b>
	40.6%	41.1%	40.0%	45.3%	44.4%	38.0%	46.4%	30.1%	<b>Local value</b>
									<b>England value</b>

The chart below shows how the health of people in this area compares with the rest of England. This area's result for each indicator is shown as a circle. The average rate for England is shown by the black line, which is always at the centre of the chart. The range of results for all local areas in England is shown as a grey bar. A red circle means that this area is significantly worse than England for that indicator; however, a green circle may still indicate an important public health problem.

- Significantly worse than England average
- Not significantly different from England average
- Significantly better than England average



Domain	Indicator	Local No. Per Year	Local Value	Eng Avg	Eng Worst	England Range	Eng Best
Our communities	1 Deprivation	85742	33.3	20.3	83.7	[Red circle]	0.0
	2 Proportion of children in poverty	11480	23.1	21.1	45.9	[Red circle]	6.2
	3 Statutory homelessness	117	1.1	2.3	9.7	[Green circle]	0.0
	4 GCSE achieved (5A*-C inc. Eng & Maths)	2102	60.0	59.0	31.9	[Yellow circle]	81.0
	5 Violent crime	2278	8.9	13.6	32.7	[Green circle]	4.2
	6 Long term unemployment	2330	14.3	9.5	31.3	[Red circle]	1.2
Children's and young people's health	7 Smoking in pregnancy ‡			13.3	30.0		2.9
	8 Starting breast feeding ‡	1794	61.8	74.8	41.8	[Red circle]	96.0
	9 Obese Children (Year 6) ‡	560	20.5	19.2	28.5	[Yellow circle]	10.3
	10 Alcohol-specific hospital stays (under 18)	32	56.8	61.8	154.9	[Yellow circle]	12.5
	11 Teenage pregnancy (under 18) ‡	217	43.6	34.0	58.5	[Red circle]	11.7
Adults' health and lifestyle	12 Adults smoking	n/a	23.3	20.0	29.4	[Red circle]	8.2
	13 Increasing and higher risk drinking	n/a	21.6	22.3	25.1	[Yellow circle]	15.7
	14 Healthy eating adults	n/a	21.3	28.7	19.3	[Red circle]	47.8
	15 Physically active adults	n/a	52.4	56.0	43.8	[Yellow circle]	68.5
	16 Obese adults ‡	n/a	27.6	24.2	30.7	[Red circle]	13.9
	Disease and poor health	17 Incidence of malignant melanoma	36	13.9	14.5	28.8	[Yellow circle]
18 Hospital stays for self-harm		519	211.9	207.9	542.4	[Yellow circle]	51.2
19 Hospital stays for alcohol related harm ‡		6686	2209	1895	3276	[Red circle]	910
20 Drug misuse		1689	10.1	8.6	26.3	[Red circle]	0.8
21 People diagnosed with diabetes		12715	6.2	5.8	8.4	[Red circle]	3.4
22 New cases of tuberculosis		22	8.5	15.4	137.0	[Green circle]	0.0
23 Acute sexually transmitted infections		2447	949	804	3210	[Red circle]	162
24 Hip fracture in 65s and over		268	466	457	621	[Yellow circle]	327
Life expectancy and causes of death	25 Excess winter deaths ‡	140	17.5	19.1	35.3	[Yellow circle]	-0.4
	26 Life expectancy – male	n/a	77.8	78.9	73.8	[Red circle]	83.0
	27 Life expectancy – female	n/a	81.7	82.9	79.3	[Red circle]	86.4
	28 Infant deaths	14	4.5	4.3	8.0	[Yellow circle]	1.1
	29 Smoking related deaths	491	247	201	356	[Red circle]	122
	30 Early deaths: heart disease and stroke	217	72.0	60.9	113.3	[Red circle]	29.2
	31 Early deaths: cancer	377	124.1	108.1	153.2	[Red circle]	77.7
	32 Road injuries and deaths	79	30.8	41.9	125.1	[Green circle]	13.1

‡ For comparison with PHOF Indicators, please go to the following link: [www.healthprofiles.info/PHOF](http://www.healthprofiles.info/PHOF)

### Indicator Notes

1 % people in this area living in 20% most deprived areas in England, 2010 2 % children (under 16) in families receiving means-tested benefits & low income, 2010 3 Crude rate per 1,000 households, 2011/12 4 % at Key Stage 4, 2011/12 5 Recorded violence against the person crimes, crude rate per 1,000 population, 2011/12 6 Crude rate per 1,000 population aged 16-64, 2012 7 % mothers smoking in pregnancy where status is known, 2011/12 8 % mothers initiating breast feeding where status is known, 2011/12 9 % school children in Year 6 (age 10-11), 2011/12 10 Persons under 18 admitted to hospital due to alcohol-specific conditions, crude rate per 100,000 population, 2007/08 to 2009/10 (pooled) 11 Under-18 conception rate per 1,000 females aged 15-17 (crude rate) 2009-2011 12 % adults aged 18 and over, 2011/12 13 % aged 16+ in the resident population, 2008-2009 14 % adults, modelled estimate using Health Survey for England 2006-2008 15 % adults achieving at least 150 mins physical activity per week, 2012 16 % adults, modelled estimate using Health Survey for England 2006-2008 17 Directly age standardised rate per 100,000 population, aged under 75, 2008-2010 18 Directly age sex standardised rate per 100,000 population, 2011/12 19 Directly age sex standardised rate per 100,000 population, 2010/11 20 Estimated users of opiate and/or crack cocaine aged 15-64, crude rate per 1,000 population, 2010/11 21 % people on GP registers with a recorded diagnosis of diabetes 2011/12 22 Crude rate per 100,000 population, 2009-2011 23 Crude rate per 100,000 population, 2012 (chlamydia screening coverage may influence rate) 24 Directly age and sex standardised rate for emergency admissions, per 100,000 population aged 65 and over, 2011/12 25 Ratio of excess winter deaths (observed winter deaths minus expected deaths based on non-winter deaths) to average non-winter deaths 1.08.08-31.07.11 26 At birth, 2009-2011 27 At birth, 2009-2011 28 Rate per 1,000 live births, 2009-2011 29 Directly age standardised rate per 100,000 population aged 35 and over, 2009-2011 30 Directly age standardised rate per 100,000 population aged under 75, 2009-2011 31 Directly age standardised rate per 100,000 population aged under 75, 2009-2011 32 Rate per 100,000 population, 2009-2011

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<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT</b>
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1.	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Children, Young People and Families Partnership Meeting</b>
2.	<b>Date:</b>	<b>30 November 2013</b>
3.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Multi-agency Review of Serious Child Neglect Cases</b>
4.	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board</b>

#### 5. Summary:

This review was initiated as a result of an Ofsted recommendation after the unannounced Child Protection inspection in June 2012.

#### Ofsted findings

*In order to improve the quality of help and protection given to children and young people in Rotherham, the local authority and its partners should take the following action.*

***Immediately:*** undertake a multi-agency review of cases of serious neglect where children's social care services have been involved for a significant period of time

The question that was posed by Ofsted was fundamentally asking for an assurance that any open cases where serious neglect was the main feature, were not subject to drift, and children were not at risk of / actual significant harm. In simple terms "Do we know when enough is enough?" for these children.

A multi-agency audit was undertaken 59 cases (59 children in 41 families) in order to address the following outline terms of reference:

- key trends/themes that emerge in relation to the management of cases of long term serious neglect
- gain an understanding of what should be done to affect safe and timely case management and planning
- identify potential impact changes to improve practice
- identify the factors and circumstances that negatively influence decision making and risk assessment.

Based upon these initial findings 2 of the most serious and long term cases were then subject to a multi-agency case mapping exercise, which were utilised in different partnership forums to share the findings of the review at an early stage.



A number of recommendations were made in order to improve multi-agency practice in relation to neglect cases. These are detailed in Section 7 below.

**6. Recommendations:**

- The partnership notes that 60% of all Rotherham children subject to a Child Protection Plan have neglect as the main category. However, prevalence is actually higher as neglect is a co-feature of other categories (eg physical abuse).
- Future commissioning of services will need to take account of the increasing number of children who are neglected and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment will be key to understanding the assessed needs of the Rotherham child population.

**7. Proposals and Details:**

The Ofsted 2012 Inspection identified that a review of serious neglect cases was required. The LSCB Quality Assurance officer facilitated an individual file audit of 59 files to establish baseline information. The findings from the review identified a number of themes which were translated into the following recommendations.

- **Risk assessment**

The lack of an adequate risk assessment framework across children's services is a weakness. It is an omission that has been criticised within serious case reviews and Ofsted inspections. Risk should be a considered part of all assessments. This review has found that the understanding of risk, management of risk and review of risk is not as effective as we would wish. It is therefore recommended that consideration is given to the;

1. Development of a Rotherham Risk Assessment Model. For example the Safeguarding Analysis Assessment Framework (SAAF) is currently used by numerous Local Authorities and LSCB's, including Islington and Liverpool. The LSCB to develop a consistent approach to risk assessment across partner agencies that is linked to essential guidance on thresholds.
2. Consideration of the Strengthening Families Model for Child Protection Conferences. This is based on the "Signs of Safety" framework it has been tested in practice and is part of many LSCB procedures. It has clear guidelines and provides a framework that produces clearer, smarter and workable child protection plans based around risk and protective factors.
3. The use of Graded Care Profile was initiated in this review as it is frequently mentioned as an example of good practice development in the multi-agency assessment of Neglect. The positive feedback from

practitioners during the review combined with national evaluation (2012) provide a strong rationale for the continuing development of the Graded Care Profile in Rotherham as a fundamental tool to aid the assessment of need and risk. We recommend that the GCP is developed by the LSCB as an assessment tool for all the children's workforce.

4. Use of multi-agency chronologies on cases of significant concern. The use of the "ChronoLater" software that enables chronologies from different agencies to be merged has been effective in identifying and demonstrating patterns of care that a single agency record or chronology may not reveal. Consideration should be given to establishing a protocol when this approach should be considered.

- **Care Planning**

1. It is recommended that as a high percentage of care plans reviewed did not follow SMART principles the local authority should look at the development of in-house resources that clarify SMART principles and aide practitioners incorporating them into their practice.
2. The current care plan template used by CYPS is not operationally effective. Feedback from practitioners is not positive in terms of it being a working document. It is recommended that a task and finish group is established to review and develop a new more appropriate template for Child Protection and Children in Need plans.
3. The LSCB should, in light of "Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013" and this review, refresh the multi-agency training "Case Conferences and Core Groups" to ensure that practitioners fully understand their individual responsibilities, the process of professional challenge and the function of the core group.

- **Supervision**

1. The frequency of social work case supervision is good, however the evidence that demonstrates that it is reflective and influences the outcomes for children and families is limited. CYPS should initially through the use of the team manager action learning sets, establish whether it is felt that this is an issue about recording or about reflective practice itself.

- **Consistency in cases**

1. There is clear evidence that frequent changes of social worker and CP Conference Chair increases drift and contributes to poor care planning. Therefore it is recommended that the number of changes of allocated social workers to children and their families is minimised and this becomes a local safeguarding children indicator.
2. That the work already started to introduce an allocation system to CP Conference Chairs to families' continuers and this also becomes a local safeguarding children indicator.

**8. Finance:**

There were no financial implications for the undertaking of this review. A financial impact assessment has not been undertaken with regard to the implementation of the specific recommendations.

**9. Risks and Uncertainties:**

The likelihood of increasing poverty and deprivation and its correlation with childhood neglect, will continue to present challenges and place demands on services across the partnership. It is therefore key that children who are neglected are identified at an early stage and that early help is both available and delivered. The best long term outcomes for children who are neglected are achieved through effective multi-agency intervention before problems escalate and children's welfare is impacted negatively.

**10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications:**

The LSCB is now required to evaluate the effectiveness of Early Help services and will be seeking assurance that the partnership is working effectively in all aspects of Early Help outcomes for children and young people.

Future commissioning of services will need to take account of the increasing number of children who are neglected and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment will be key to understanding the assessed needs of the Rotherham child population.

**11. Background Papers and Consultation:**

"In the eye of the storm: Britain's forgotten children and families"

A research report for Action for Children, The Children's Society and NSPCC

Howard Reed, Landman Economics

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**ROTHERHAM YOUTH CABINET MEETING  
THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Shannon Worthington, Brad Sargeson, Josh Parker, Oliver Blake, Alisha Wilson, Lewis Postans, Sam Mitchell, Paige Hobson, Anna Marshall, Ashley Gregory, Ellie Woodcock, Tom Jackson, Mateen Duresmain.

**APOLOGIES**

Chalea Lynch, Tom Flanagan,

The Chair read out the Group Ground rules and young people gave Introductions.

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes from last meeting were looked at and agreed.

**Manifesto Launch**

Ellie Showed the powerpoint she has created for the Manifesto Launch. She asked people about the design and if they liked it. Everyone agreed it was good.

The group checked the wording for aims and were asked to agree or disagree if the wording was alright. Sarah discussed the re-wording of the aim for the Self Harm element. The young people voted for the new wording as the original aim was too big and unachievable. Oliver asked if it was ok to tweet pictures during the event and everyone agreed. Oliver asked if any MPs had been invited. Oliver has agreed to invite MPs to the event.

The group agreed on the structure for the Manifesto launch event. Sarah asked if anyone had not been given a role and wanted one, to let her know.

**Public Transport**

Lewis and Ellie spoke about making the DVD for new bus drivers. They worked with young people from Barnsley, Sheffield, Doncaster at the SYPTTE offices in Sheffield.

Tom and Brad spoke about visiting the Transport Users Group and discussed what they spoke about during the meeting. They discussed items such as bus routes, new tram train service in Rotherham and the design of this service. Feedback from group was they enjoyed having a young person's perspective and they have been invited back to the group.

## **11 Million Takeover Day**

Sarah discussed the structure for 11 Million Takeover day which young people had previously agreed, ie first part having transport feedback and the second around Self Harm. She discussed a meeting she had had with Health workers today. As requested, a training day has been arranged for Thursday 31 October to begin to understand the issue of self harm. The group agreed this date although Tom said he was unable to attend. Sarah told the group about the discussions she had had with Ann Berridge and Ruth Fletcher-Brown about plans for the piece of work. They had suggested the group getting some case studies to discuss at 11 Million Takeover day with health professions. The work would fit in with the Self Harm and Suicide Prevention Group.

The group discussed when to hold 11 Million Takeover Day as the health people had suggested after Christmas as a lot of young people find Christmas difficult and this may bring out more issues to discuss. The group voted and agreed to hold it in early January.

Sarah suggested setting up a sub-group to begin looking at the issue and received a good response of young people who are interested in getting involved.

## **Summer Events and Activities**

The group looked at photos from some of the summer activities. Young people who attended the Police and Crime Commissioners Planning Day spoke of the workshops and activities they were involved with. They enjoyed the day and found some of it useful, although Josh P said some of it could have been done better. They discussed the Eric Manns opening event, when Lewis assisted cutting the ribbon with Councillor Hussain.

The group discussed the residential to Habershon House and the activities around Raising Aspirations. They enjoyed the residential and bonding as a group.

## **Rotherham Show**

Mateen and Paige talked about what happened at Rotherham Show. They said they had been helping with the design of the IYSS website. They engaged with young people by giving away free promotional items such as packets of mint, pens, wrist bands etc. Young people had to say which website designs they liked, comment on colour scheme and what they want to see on the website. Paige said she was there for both days and they consulted with around 250 young people. She spoke about the treasure hunt which encouraged young people to go round all the IYSS buses. Brad said Ellie, Chalea, Sarah and himself gave a live interview on radio Sheffield about what they were doing and promoted Youth Cabinet and IYSS.

The group asked what the results were for the consultation and Sarah said she would ask for feedback from the people doing the analysis.

### **Safe Havens**

Rumbi and Josh G were not present so this item will be put on the agenda next time

### **Publicity**

Oliver said Youth Cabinet had now got business cards and IYSS had lots of giveaways at the Rotherham Show. The publicity and promotion group had helped plan the consultation at Rotherham Show.

### **Walkabout Police**

Sarah discussed whether members still wanted to go ahead with this activity. She had been in contact with the Officer who was organising the walkabout, but he has changed roles and the new person has not yet made contact. The group said they would still like to be involved, preferably in an evening and Sarah said she would follow this up. She said that young people had to be over 16 to be involved.

### **Rotherham Ready**

Josh and Rumbi were not present so the group could not discuss this item.

### **LACC**

There were no representatives present, so this item could not be discussed.

### **UKYP**

Josh P said that the last few months had been full of great things. Ashley went to the Annual Sitting. Ashley said that he went to Leeds in July and had a great time. He took part in workshops about European Parliament and Campaigning and said it was a very good experience.

Josh P said that they had the Carers Card launch last Wednesday. They were pleased with the turnout for the launch, which was attended by Dorothy Smith, Councillors, Chris Brodhurst-Brown, Joyce Thacker and many others, and it had been a very successful launch event with Barnardos young people. Josh said he hopes that it has a marked roll out to schools.

The next Regional Convention is on 12 October in Leeds. Everyone can go if they would like to as young people from LACCs and Youth Cabinets are now included in the conventions. Josh said to contact Sarah if anyone was interested. He also explained that the convention is when young people from other areas come together to discuss issues for young people on a regional basis. Josh said that it is a good day and they also do a lot of work.

Oliver and Josh then discussed the Make your Mark campaign which is a UKYP annual campaign to find out what young people want Youth Parliament to debate on in House of Commons in November. He asked people to fill one in.

Showkat mentioned that the Elections for UKYP will be launched during Local Democracy Week and will be looking for people to stand for UK Youth Parliament. He said that the process for recruitment will start in November and the elections will be in February 2014. Josh said UKYP is a fantastic organisation and goes a long way to getting young peoples voices heard.

### **Finance Update**

Oliver said that there was nothing new. An amount of £800 was spent on residential during the summer and said a full update will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Constitution**

Sarah reminded the group that they have a constitution and described what this was for. She said that it needed updating and will schedule this in during a training day some time within the next six months.

### **AVA – Domestic Violence Project**

Sarah went through the invitation for young people to join the AVA group, to look at issues around Domestic Violence. Josh P, Mateen and Paige said they were interested and Sarah will send full details to them. They agreed for their contact details to be passed on to the organisation.

### **Big Dream DVD**

It was not possible to show the DVD as Youtube couldn't be accessed from the laptop. Sarah will try to get a DVD copy for the next meeting.

### **AOB**

Ashley asked for a copy of the wording Brad did for schools publicity so he could get it into his school. Sarah said she would find it and send it to him.

Josh P asked about the Anti Fascism Group and what was happening? Sarah said she would ask Clare and Abid and let him know. Showkat said that a Community Cohesion Group was being formed with young people from the NCS group and would be a borough wide group. Josh said he would wait to find out what was happening with the Anti Fascism Group.

Oliver informed new members that the group has a Facebook group dedicated to Youth Cabinet and gave them contact details.

Sarah informed the group of the White Ribbon campaign and an event at Myplace in November. She also said that the Cast Offs Choir would be practicing songs for Holocaust Memorial Day and Youth Cabinet members could join.

Sarah also said that she had had a communication from Pope Pius School, who want to meet regarding setting up a student Council and she asked members if anyone would like to join Sarah to speak with the student leader to encourage young people to be part of a student council and Youth Cabinet etc. Paige, Josh P, Tom J, Ashley, Mateen and Paige offered to attend.

Debate-      Bedroom Tax  
                  Teacher's Strike  
                  High Speed Train Line



## AGENDA ITEM 6

## Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board (RLSCB)

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**Minutes from the meeting of Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board (RLSCB), held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 10:00am – 12:30pm at Riverside House**


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In attendance:

Alan Hazell - Chair	Independent Chair, Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board
Sonya Chambers – Minute Taker	Administrative Officer, Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board
Richard Burton - Member	Lay Member, Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board
Kevin Stevens - Advisor	Safeguarding Quality Assurance Officer for Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board and Children and Young People's Services
Simon Goacher – in attendance to present agenda item 3	Partner with Weightmans Solicitors
Clair Pyper - Member	Interim Director of Safeguarding Children and Families, Children and Young People's Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Sue Cassin - Member	Executive Lead for Safeguarding at the Clinical Commissioning Group, Rotherham
Phil Morris - Advisor	Business Manager, Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board
Juliette Greenwood - Member	Chief Nurse, The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Anne Riley - Member	Service Manager, Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS)
Sue Wilson – in attendance to present agenda item 2	Performance and Quality Manager, Resources Directorate, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Dave Stopford - Member	Detective Chief Inspector, South Yorkshire Police
Pete Horner - Member	Public Protection Unit Manager, South Yorkshire Police
Warren Carratt - Advisor	Service Manager - Strategy, Standards and Development, Children and Young People's Services and Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board
Dawn Peet – Deputy for Steve Green, Member	Safeguarding Officer, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
Catherine Hall - Advisor	Nurse Consultant for Safeguarding Children, Clinical Commissioning Group, Rotherham
Maryann Barton - Member	Service Manager, Action for Children
Nick Whittaker - Member	Headteacher, Hilltop and Kelford Schools
John Radford - Member	Director of Public Health, Rotherham Public Health
Sarah Mainwaring - Member	Head of Probation – Rotherham, South Yorkshire Probation Trust
Shona MacFarlane - Member	Director of Health and Wellbeing, Neighbourhoods and Adult Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Deborah Wildgoose - Member	Deputy Director of Nursing, Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDASH)

Apologies:

Joyce Thacker - Member	Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Paul Lakin – Participating Observer	Lead Member for Children and Young People's Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Robin Williams - Advisor	Service Solicitor for Children and Young People's Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
David Polkinghorn - Member	General Practitioner, Clinical Commissioning Group, Rotherham
Sherif El-Reftee - Advisor	Designated Doctor, The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Paul Grimwood - Member	Youth Offending Services Manager, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Tracy Holmes - Advisor	Head of Corporate Communications and Marketing, Chief Executive's Department , Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Jane Skupien - Member	Headteacher, Sitwell Infants School
Zafar Saleem - Advisor	Community Engagement Manager, Community Engagement Team, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Morri McDermott – agenda item 4	Operations Manager, Children's Residential Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Dorothy Smith - Member	Director of Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

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Attendance and apologies were recorded as above.

2. Safeguarding Performance National Indicators - update report –  
(standing item) – Sue Wilson

It was clarified that the performance figures within this report were still provisional, as the statutory returns were still being undertaken.

The 10 performance indicators referred to within the report are the local authority indicators for Children and Young People's Services. Four of these are currently rated as 'red', meaning they are below local targets and below the national average. There has been a slight improvement overall regarding the 'red' indicators since last year, but they are still below the local target.

It was clarified that the benchmarking referred to within this report was not current benchmarking, but benchmarking as at this time last year.

Clair Pyper has commissioned an action plan to address the 4 red indicators, and Sue Wilson's team are currently working on this. A key objective is better understanding and better analysis of performance data, along with more intuitive and responsive tracking systems.

With regard to the National Indicator (NI) 60 – 'Percentage of Core Assessments completed within 35 working days', current status red - it was pointed out that the difficulty with this indicator was that performance against it is likely to get worse before it gets better. Alan Hazell asked when 'drag' will cease to impact upon the performance figures, and Clair Pyper replied that this should happen following implementation of the new performance indicators. Ms Pyper added that a working group had been set up to look at the new indicators, and this group will report to Rotherham LSCB. Work is thereby already being done towards improvement, but it was acknowledged that a more consistent approach is required in terms of monitoring completion of Core Assessments within timescale.

With regard to NI 65 – 'Children becoming subject to a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time', it was pointed out that it is sometimes in a child's best interests for them to be made subject to a plan again, and is not therefore necessarily a negative action. Clair Pyper added that it is particularly helpful to know the stories of the children behind the data, as usually this involves children who were receiving step-down services, who are no longer deemed safe due to something new that has happened. There is a need for a better understanding of the dynamic in Child Protection Conferences as regards keeping children safe. For example, it is still not fully understood how and what partner services contribute to the Child Protection Conference process – i.e. not just local authority services, and there needs to be a better understanding of risk. It was suggested that this be looked at via Rotherham LSCB, particularly with regard to neglect cases, as a better understanding of neglect is required.

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Juliette Greenwood said that the Performance and Quality Assurance Sub Group would soon be able to report multi-agency performance information back to Rotherham LSCB.

P & QA Sub  
Group

Given that Rotherham LSCB will shortly be welcoming a new Independent Chair, Richard Burton asked how continuity would be ensured. Alan Hazell replied that he would be meeting with the new chair shortly for an initial handover – further sessions might be required.

3. Information Governance Report – Executive Summary – Simon Goacher & Clair Pyper

Rotherham Council had asked Weightmans Solicitors to undertake a review of the recent security breach regarding information held by services about child sexual exploitation. Simon Goacher from Weightmans had been invited to today's meeting to present the findings of this review.

Rotherham Council had requested this review given the current high profile of child sexual exploitation in the borough, following the publication of several articles in the national press based on the leaked information. Also, the management of information is a key part of what agencies do, and if there is a lack of confidence in the local authority and its partner agencies to safeguard information, this could result in people being less likely to come forward with information in future. Other local authorities have been fined for failing to protect information. It was hoped, therefore, that this review would go some way to providing reassurance to Rotherham LSCB about what information security measures are already in place, and what improvements could be made.

Mr Goacher explained that the review had looked at the existing information management processes, and key individuals had been interviewed about how information is currently held by their services. A desktop review was also undertaken to look at what systems are in place, in order to test compliance with good practice.

None of those interviewed could confirm how the information was leaked to the press. There was therefore no evidence to show how the journalist had accessed the information. However, given the volume of files that the journalist had access to, it would point to a deliberate act, i.e., that someone had purposely provided him with the information. The decision was taken not to pursue the investigation any further, as this would be a very lengthy and expensive process. Instead, it was agreed that it would be better to concentrate on how to prevent such information security breaches in future.

The review looked at all the existing policies and procedures and questioned the interviewees as to how these operated in practice. The review also noted the move away from paper to electronic records, and along with this, the use of passwords and encrypted documents. There was also evidence that training and awareness raising sessions regarding information security were in place.

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The assurance for Rotherham LSCB from this review was that robust policies and procedures are in place, but that there is a need to regularly monitor compliance with the framework. Also, whilst an electronic system is more secure than a paper system, it can never be 100% secure, as it is still susceptible to human error / actions.

The review made 7 recommendations for Rotherham LSCB (see report for agenda item 3, section 16). Discussions have already taken place with Phil Morris, Rotherham LSCB Business Manager, with regard to developing an action plan to progress these recommendations.

Phil Morris

Alan Hazell questioned whether the CSET (Child Sexual Exploitation Team) mentioned in the review's recommendations referred solely to the CSE Team managed by Claire Edgar, or whether this also included any other professionals working in the field of child sexual exploitation in Rotherham. Mr Goacher replied that this recommendation could be applied to as wide a range of professionals as appropriate.

It was acknowledged, however, that this review does not guarantee that there will be no future information security breaches. If Board members and advisors were asked to sign a confidentiality agreement which they subsequently broke, they could potentially be disciplined / dismissed / prosecuted. Rotherham LSCB does not currently have such a measure in place, although this is covered by professionals' code of conduct. It was recommended that something similar be put in place to cover lay members as well, and Alan Hazell confirmed that a sentence to this effect had been added into the recently revised Lay Member Protocol, which Rotherham LSCB lay members are required to sign up to. With regard to the secure handling of data, Mr Hazell added that an update should also be added to the revised Rotherham LSCB Constitution specifically in relation to paper copies of documents.

Phil Morris

Alan Hazell asked whether all agencies were happy with recommendation 4 of the review, which was for all Rotherham LSCB members to confirm, on at least an annual basis, that they are fully compliant with information management practices required in Rotherham Council's Information Security Policy. Pete Horner pointed out that agencies were members of Rotherham LSCB, not Rotherham Council, and Juliette Greenwood replied that agencies would firstly need to know what this policy is - it will therefore be shared with partners. However, it was also questioned whether Rotherham LSCB should likewise be required to comply with its partners' information security policies.

Phil Morris

Clair Pyper suggested that recommendation 4 be picked up via the Section 11 self-assessment audits that agencies are required to complete for Rotherham LSCB, as there is a wider responsibility here, i.e. not just compliance with Rotherham Council policies and not just information presented by agencies at Board meetings. Kevin Stevens agreed that this could quite easily be included in the Section 11 audit process.

Kevin Stevens

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In terms of progressing the 7 recommendations of the review, Warren Carratt offered to work with Phil Morris to put together an action plan for presentation at September's Board meeting. Alan Hazell added that any future work needs to take account of what work has already been done.

Warren Carratt  
& Phil Morris

Richard Burton asked how Rotherham LSCB would ensure the recruitment of an appropriate person to fill the vacant lay member post – Alan Hazell assured Mr Burton that a robust recruitment process would be followed.

Shona McFarlane questioned what the timescales were for Rotherham LSCB to respond to the 7 recommendations. Alan Hazell replied that Rotherham LSCB needs reassurance before March 2014 that these recommendations have been addressed. The Board therefore ought to be in a position to be provided with an update report at its December 2013 meeting.

Sonya  
Chambers

Clarification was sought on whether the selling of information to journalists was a criminal or civil matter. It seemed to depend on who had done it – if it was someone in public office, then this could constitute a criminal offence. Everyone was mindful that if there is indeed a leak within Rotherham LSCB, then there are potentially further future implications for the Board.

Alan Hazell thanked Simon Goacher for his report.

4. Children Missing From Home / Care – Morri McDermott

Clair Pyper presented this item on behalf of Morri McDermott, who was unable to attend today's meeting.

Ms Pyper highlighted the recent Ofsted report on missing children published in February 2013, which contains important recommendations for agencies, particularly for Children's Social Care and the Police. Sonya Chambers will circulate an electronic version of this report after the meeting.

Sonya  
Chambers

The government is to publish new guidance this summer to address gaps that have been identified.

In Rotherham, the proportion of missing looked after children is higher than the national average, and more girls than boys are missing overall. With regard to the missing looked after children, it is the same children who go missing time after time. Thematic patterns have been identified for some of these children, e.g. they tend to have repeat episodes of going missing until they are settled in a placement.

It was stated that the processes for when children are placed out of area need to be strengthened, and it was suggested that the Exploitation Sub Group look at this.

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Table 5 of Morri McDermott's report shows a sharp increase in the number of children going missing at age 15 – work therefore needs to

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be done to understand why this is such an issue for this particular age group.

Clair Pyper suggested that in addition to the recommendations from the Ofsted report on missing children, Rotherham LSCB may also wish to make its own recommendations based on Rotherham's own experiences. Ms Pyper pointed out that Rotherham has not yet, as recommended by Ofsted, undertaken an urgent review of the effectiveness of its arrangements to meet the needs of children who are at risk of going missing or running away, including the extent to which it is complying with statutory requirements. This therefore needs to be addressed, e.g. via the Exploitation Sub Group. Alan Hazell asked what the timescale was for this urgent review – Ms Pyper said that she was not aware of specific timescales, but that the review should take place within the next 3 months. However, Rotherham will also need to consider the impact of the new government guidance, which has not yet been published.

Dorothy Smith emphasised the need to look at the reasons why children go missing, as intelligence gathering can play an important role in reducing the risk of reoccurrence.

Maryann Barton said that clarity was needed on terminology e.g. absent or missing? Ms Barton added that this report had already been to the Exploitation Sub Group and questioned whose responsibility it was to take the recommendations forward. Warren Carratt added that this issue had also been picked up at the Corporate Parenting Group.

5. Previous RLSCB minutes from 15.03.2013 and matters / actions arising

A couple of amendments were required on the front page of the previous minutes – Martin Kimber was an 'observer' rather than a 'participating observer' as stated, and Sue Gittins' job title was stated but not her agency, which was confirmed as the Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust. Sonya Chambers to amend accordingly.

Alan Hazell asked if there had been any developments following the discussion at the previous meeting about performance indicator NI63 – 'Stability of placements of looked after children', which was rated as 'red' (under target). Clair Pyper, Joyce Thacker and Councillor Paul Lakin had subsequently met with the Looked After Children Council, and afterwards, Maryann Barton went back to the Looked After Children Council to provide the feedback from Clair Pyper, Joyce Thacker and Councillor Paul Lakin.

With regard to the delay by the Department for Education in responding to Rotherham about the Child S Serious Case Review, Alan Hazell reported that he had drafted a letter to the Department for Education to let them know of Rotherham LSCB's intention to publish the Child S Serious Case Review following agreement from both Rotherham LSCB and the Children and Young People's Partnership. Phil Morris would send the letter once finalised.

Pete Horner was to have provided an update at the previous meeting

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regarding the restructure of the Criminal Investigation Department of South Yorkshire Police, which would affect the Public Protection Unit, but at that point the proposals had not been to the Senior Management Team for agreement. Since then, Mr Horner explained the proposals had had to be rewritten, and would be going to the Policing Board on 25 June. Mr Horner would provide an update to Rotherham LSCB when ready.

Pete Horner

Alan Hazell reported that the advertisement for a new Rotherham Lay Member would be going out next week, and that the new post holder should therefore be able to attend September's meeting.

Phil Morris

Phil Morris reported that the problems with reception that had been causing meetings to start late had been fed back to the relevant manager. Issues identified were that the reception process has kept changing and there have been several staff changes.

6. Section 11 Audits – report – Alan Hazell & Kevin Stevens

Kevin Stevens apologised for the lateness of this report in being circulated.

Mr Stevens reported that this had been a very valuable exercise for Rotherham LSCB to undertake, as it had provided some good key information to the Board in terms of assurance of where agencies were at currently in terms of their safeguarding practices.

As stated in recommendation 2 of this report, there as some work for the Performance and Quality Assurance Sub Group to do in order to move forward.

With regard to the next Section 11 audit in 2014, it was confirmed that advance details would be provided in October / November 2013, so agencies could feel reassured that they would receive plenty of notice.

One of the key issues identified via the Section 11 challenge meetings with agencies was the lack of a 'central repository' for reporting in key safeguarding information. Some local authorities have a risk register which partner agencies can use to raise issues for discussion – this is something that Rotherham LSCB could consider. Alan Hazell asked what form this would take, and Kevin Stevens replied that this could simply be an Excel database which could be updated as required and brought to meetings as necessary. Deborah Wildgoose agreed that this was a good idea, but clarified that a risk register is not the same as a risk management tool and should not therefore be treated as such.

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Catherine Hall fed back that Mr Stevens' report was well written and easy to understand.

Maryann Barton reported that the Voluntary Sector Consortium has agreed to go down the Section 11 audit route rather than continue with its current self-assessment toolkit. This would therefore increase the overall number of Section 11 audits for Rotherham LSCB to look at, as this would now cover all of the individual voluntary

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organisations. However, Kevin Stevens clarified that the Voluntary Sector would report their Section 11 audits in to Rotherham LSCB at a different time from other agencies.

Deborah Wildgoose pointed out that there was a gap in that schools did not complete Section 11 audits, but she accepted that this was not necessarily practical for all schools to do. Kevin Stevens replied that he intends to meet with the Schools' Forum to discuss this particular issue, and added that there is already a safeguarding audit tool which is sent out to schools, but the results from this are not currently reported to Rotherham LSCB. Nick Whittaker said that there have been significant changes from the schools' point of view, in that the current audit tool has a level of detail and rigour that doesn't exist in Section 5. Mr Whittaker added that it may be worth consulting Chairs of Governors in any decision making process.

Alan Hazell concluded that the Section 11 audit process had largely been a positive and reassuring experience for all involved.

7. Complex case update - Clair Pyper

Clair Pyper provided a verbal update on the recent complex case.

3 separate teams had been set up to look at this case:

1. A Joint Investigation Team led by Kelly White from Children's Social Care and Mark Monteiro from South Yorkshire Police
2. A Strategic Team led by Clair Pyper
3. An Operational Team led by Linda Alcock, Manager of the Safeguarding Children Unit

The Joint Investigation Team is looking to identify themes to ensure that the appropriate services and support are put in place, and a strategic overview is provided via the Strategic Team.

Juliette Greenwood questioned whether the funding reduction for MIND should be a cause for concern. Clair Pyper explained that whilst the local authority had reduced funding for MIND for schools, schools can still purchase this service themselves. However, concern is that schools will not choose to do so. Ms Pyper said that this had been discussed with schools at the Schools' Forum, and as schools become more independent from the local authority, it is ultimately for them to choose what services they buy in. The local authority can encourage schools to purchase MIND services but it will not be mandatory. Warren Carratt later clarified that MIND was being withdrawn, but the service commissioned from MIND was still being provided.

Nick Whittaker asked whether primary schools had been involved with this piece of work and Clair Pyper confirmed that they hadn't as yet.

John Radford said it was important to ensure that all schools have a clear response framework in place to deal with such cases.



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8. Ofsted report – What about the Children? – Shona McFarlane

The Ofsted report, 'What about the Children?', is a study of how children's and adults' services work together when parents or carers have mental ill health and / or drug and alcohol problems.

The report found that there was much better joint working between Children's Social Care and Drug and Alcohol Services than between Children's Social Care and Adult Mental Health Services.

Rotherham LSCB can be assured that in Rotherham, Drug and Alcohol Services, Adult Mental Health Services and Children's Social Care are working together effectively to address any safeguarding concerns. The required audits, as stated in the Ofsted recommendations to LSCBs, are underway in Rotherham and the results will be reported back to Rotherham LSCB.

Deborah Wildgoose & Clair Pyper

Ms McFarlane explained that in light of the upcoming inspection of fostering services, she had not specified timescales for the recommendations in her report. Clair Pyper agreed with the recommendations and said that they were very timely, as work needs to be done to address the particularly high level of alcohol dependency in Rotherham and the impact this has upon children in terms of neglect. Ms Pyper added that, given that RDASH's work is adult focused, there is a training issue to ensure that RDASH workers have an awareness of the impact on children.

Juliette Greenwood pointed out that some cases have the potential to slip through the net, e.g. when an adult presents at A and E as a result of alcohol abuse but he / she is not in current receipt of support from specialist alcohol services so is not already 'known'. Consideration needs to be given as to how to bring the process together to ensure all such cases are picked up.

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Warren Carratt assured the Board that mental health awareness was already covered by Rotherham LSCB's current learning and development programme.

Deborah Wildgoose suggested that rather than developing new training, agencies may instead need to look at re-focusing their existing training, to ensure that consideration of impact upon children is a key feature.

Alan Hazell asked whether it was reasonable for Rotherham LSCB to request an update report for December's Board meeting – Shona McFarlane felt it was.

Shona McFarlane

9. Safeguarding Vulnerable People in the Reformed NHS - Accountability and Assurance Framework – Catherine Hall

Catherine Hall explained that the new changes to the NHS came into effect on 1 April 2013, and said that patients shouldn't actually see too many differences from their perspective.

A diagram showing the new changes was screened at the meeting -

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Sonya Chambers would circulate an electronic version to everyone after the meeting.

Ms Hall explained that multiple name changes had caused a lot of confusion e.g. what was formerly called 'South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Area Team' is now 'NHS England'.

It was clarified that these are national changes, which Rotherham is now trying to embed locally.

Alan Hazell pointed out that on page 4 of the report, it states that there are 23 Commissioning Support Units – Mr Hazell questioned this given that there 27 NHS areas. Ms Hall explained that this was because in some areas, the Commissioning Support Units had merged – e.g. West Yorkshire had joined with South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw.

Juliette Greenwood reported that further changes were to come in relation to regulations.

Ms Hall said that assurance for Rotherham LSCB was that Margaret Kitching, Director of Nursing and Quality, has been Vice Chair of Barnsley LSCB for some years so has a strong safeguarding background. Ms Kitching is a keen requisitioner of benchmarking exercises to ensure robust safeguarding practices are in place.

With reference to table 1 on page 3 of Catherine Hall's report, Phil Morris asked why Rotherham was shown as having the least amount of programmed activity. Sue Cassin explained that this issue has been raised but there is currently not the funding to increase this. However, the key question is whether or not Rotherham is delivering as a Commissioning Group. Shona McFarlane added that Rotherham LSCB needs to be assured that children are still being safeguarded under the new NHS arrangements – i.e. are the necessary measures in place?

10. RLSCB 2012 – 2013 Annual Report and 2013 – 2016 Business Plan (standing item) – Alan Hazell / Phil Morris

In relation to the RLSCB Business Plan, Alan Hazell reminded everyone of the discussion at the recent RLSCB Development Day regarding the need to review the current Sub Group structure of the Board.

It had been suggested that South Yorkshire Police's two Child Sexual Exploitation Groups – 'Gold' and 'Silver', should report to Rotherham LSCB as Sub Groups of the Board. However, Alan Hazell said that he had still to see the terms of reference for these 2 groups, and that Rotherham LSCB needed sight of these to be able to consider specific proposals for a new Sub Group structure.

The RLSCB Annual Report needed to go out to Board members and advisors before the September Board meeting.

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Phil Morris

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11. Appointment of RLSCB Independent Chair / Vice Chair – Alan Hazell
- Alan Hazell announced the appointment of Deborah Wildgoose as Rotherham LSCB's new Vice Chair.
12. For information
- 12.1 Budget update report (standing item) – Karen Potts
- This report had been brought to today's meeting for information only. Any questions / comments could be put to Warren Carratt to feed back to Karen Potts, the report author.
- Phil Morris reported that all LSCBs had received a request from their local Police and Crime Commissioner to justify the amount of funding requested from the local police force to the LSCB budget.
- 12.2 Minutes from the RLSCB CSE session held on 15.03.2013
- Alan Hazell advised everyone to re-read these minutes prior to the proposed extraordinary RLSCB meeting scheduled for 8 July (see 13.1 below). This meeting had been arranged to discuss the implications from the Home Affairs Select Committee's report on child sexual exploitation.
- 12.3 Minutes from RLSCB Development Day held on 20.05.2013
- These minutes were provided for information only.
- 12.4 Minutes from the meeting of RLSCB Sub Group Chairs held on 23.05.2013
- These minutes were provided for information only.
13. Any other business
- 13.1 Alan Hazell proposed that, following the recent publication of the Home Affairs Select Committee report on child sexual exploitation, Rotherham LSCB ought to convene an extraordinary meeting to discuss the implications of this report for Rotherham. It was agreed that this extraordinary meeting would take place on 8 July 2013 to avoid clashing with the Fostering Inspection – Sonya Chambers to book a meeting room and email everyone with the time and location of the meeting.
- Phil Morris undertook to circulate a précis of the recommendations from the report, to be read in advance of the meeting along with the minutes from the 15 March 2013 meeting referred to in agenda item 12.2 (above). Richard Burton asked about the potential impact of the Home Affairs Select Committee report on the family of Child S – Clair Pyper said that Joyce Thacker was aware of this issue but Ms Pyper was not sure how this situation would be addressed and undertook to check this.
- 13.2 Ofsted has announced that it will be undertaking an inspection of fostering services in Rotherham week commencing 1 July 2013.

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13.3 Pete Horner reported that he had not yet received any Rotherham nominations for the MACIE training and that these are required as soon as possible from interested parties. Phil Morris to chase.

Phil Morris

13.4 Richard Burton noted that certain agencies were struggling to provide representatives at RLSCB meetings following changes to their organisations' structures, and asked whether the Board could support agencies with this in any way. Alan Hazell agreed to consider this further.

Alan Hazell

13.5 Richard Burton asked why the Crown Prosecution Service was not represented on Rotherham LSCB. Alan Hazell replied that the Board was looking to appoint a CPS representative for the Exploitation Sub Group – Clair Pyper proposed that this point be discussed further at the extraordinary RLSCB meeting on 08.07.2013 – this was agreed.

13.6 Richard Burton asked about the role of the Neighbourhood Watch Service in identifying and reporting possible cases of child sexual exploitation. Clair Pyper replied that this system was already in place – Phil Morris would provide Mr Burton with the relevant leaflets for further information.

Phil Morris

13.7 Alan Hazell reported that RDASH and The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust had both been asked to provide an IMR (Individual Management Report) to Croydon LSCB for a Serious Case Review that they are undertaking.

14. Future agenda items

- Action plan of the 7 recommendations from the Weightmans Review, followed by an update at December's meeting – Warren Carratt & Phil Morris
- December meeting – update report on joint working between children's and adults' services following the Ofsted report – What about the children? – Shona McFarlane

15. Dates of future meetings

Friday 13 September 2013, 10:00am – 12:30pm  
 Friday 6 December 2013, 11:30am – 2:00pm