

IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION

Date and Time :- Tuesday, 22 September 2020 at 5.30 p.m.

Venue:- Microsoft Teams Meeting.

Membership:- Councillors Atkin, Beaumont, Buckley, Clark, Cusworth (Chair), Elliot, Fenwick-Green, Hague, Ireland, Jarvis (Vice-Chair), Khan, Marles, Marriott, Pitchley, Senior, Simpson and Julie Turner

Co-opted Members – Ms. J. Jones (Voluntary Sector Consortium), Mrs. A. Clough (ROPF – Rotherham Older People’s Forum) for agenda items relating to older peoples’ issues

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view [via the Council's website](#). The items which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details.

Rotherham Council advocates openness and transparency as part of its democratic processes. Anyone wishing to record (film or audio) the public parts of the meeting should inform the Chair or Governance Advisor of their intentions prior to the meeting.

AGENDA

There will be a pre-meeting for all members of the Improving Lives Select Commission at 4.00 p.m.

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 July 2020 (Pages 1 - 11)

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 July 2020 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of items listed on the agenda.

4. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any part of the agenda.

5. Questions from Members of the Public and the Press

To receive questions relating to items of business on the agenda from members of the public or press who are present at the meeting.

6. Communications

To receive communications from the Chair in respect of matters within the Commission's remit and work programme.

7. Update report regarding Children's Social Care Service in the light of Covid-19 pandemic (Pages 12 - 19)

8. Complexity of Young People in Youth Offending Cohort (Pages 20 - 25)

9. Work Programme 2020/21 (Pages 26 - 36)

To consider and approve the Commission's Work Programme.

10. Improving Lives Select Commission - Monitoring Report (Pages 37 - 39)

To monitor the progress of recommendations made by the Improving Lives Select Commission.

11. Improving Lives Select Commission - Sub and Project Group Updates (Pages 40 - 42)

For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the activity regarding sub and project groups of the he Improving Lives Select Commission.

12. Urgent Business

To consider any item(s) the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

13. Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission take place on Tuesday 27 October commencing at 5:30pm as a Microsoft Teams meeting.



Sharon Kemp,
Chief Executive.

IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION
Tuesday, 28th July, 2020

Present:- Councillor Cusworth (in the Chair); Councillors Jarvis, Atkin, Beaumont, Elliot, Fenwick-Green, Ireland, Marles, Pitchley, Senior and Simpson.

Apologies for absence:- Apologies were received from Councillors Buckley, Clark and Khan.

The webcast of the Council Meeting can be viewed at:-
<https://rotherham.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

78. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2020

Resolved: -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission, held on 16 June 2020, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

80. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items requiring the exclusion of the public or press.

81. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

Mr Liam Harron asked:

“Please can we have an explanation about the item on page 45 of the agenda papers relating to CSE Post Abuse Support Services.

What exactly is the role of this Commission with respect to Post Abuse Support services?”

In response the Chair advised that as a scrutiny committee the role of the Improving Lives Select Commission was to monitor the provision of the Post Abuse Support for survivors of CSE commissioned by the Council in order to ensure that the services provided were both of high quality and value for money. The Chair noted that a current needs analysis had been approved by Cabinet in June 2020 and that this needs was being used to inform the procurement and provision of CSE Post abuse support services in Rotherham.

The Chair advised that as part of its role, a sub-group of the committee had been established in 2019 in order to benchmark the provision of CSE

Post abuse support in Rotherham against services provided in other areas, and that it was this work that was referred to in the Sub and Project Group report in the agenda pack. The Chair advised that the sub-group would be continuing its benchmarking work against both the current provision in Rotherham as well as against the new services that would be implemented as a result of the current commissioning process that had been informed by the needs analysis.

As a supplementary question Mr Harron noted that when the Improving Lives Select Commission considered the draft needs analysis at its meeting on 2 March 2020 that the submitted papers contained errors and asked how could it be ensured that the right services that were fit for purpose were commissioned to support survivors of CSE.

In response the Chair advised that the only error she was aware of in the papers submitted on 2 March were with regards to the names on the other local authorities that the sub-group had benchmarked Rotherham against and advised that this error had been corrected before the needs analysis had been considered by Cabinet in June. The Chair reemphasised that the role of the Improving Lives Select Commission was to monitor performance and that the committee had no role in the commissioning of services or in the delays that there had been in the commissioning of new services. The Chair reaffirmed that the sub-group would be carrying its benchmarking work of both the current and recommissioned support services for CSE survivors in Rotherham against services provided elsewhere and noted that the results of this work would be shared and discussed in the public domain.

82. COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair advised that she had attended the meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel on 30 June where a report had been presented that had detailed the findings of a review of the LADO Process and its impact on foster carer retention in the Borough. The Chair advised that she would arrange for details of this review to be circulated to members of the commission.

83. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY - PROGRESS REPORT

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Neighbourhood Working, the Assistant Director - Children's Social Care, the Service Manager - Commissioning Performance and Quality and the Head of Development Programmes – Children's Services attended the meeting to present a report that provided a progress report on the delivery of the Looked After Children (LAC) Sufficiency Strategy 2019-2022 and also on impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on its delivery.

The report provided information on the delivery of key elements of the strategy, as well as detailing any current, or predicted future impacts of

the Covid-19 pandemic on its delivery including:

In-House Foster Carers

The report noted that Rotherham's new fostering recruitment website and customer relationship management system had been launched at the end of September 2019 and stated that it continued to generate interest in the Rotherham fostering offer. It was noted that since the recruitment website had been launched, 314 people had booked an initial information visit, and that while there had been some early fluctuations in interest it was noted that interest had remained steady during the pandemic.

It was noted that the pandemic had created some delay in the progression of assessments through March, April and May due to potential foster carers wanting to avoid physical meetings. The Service Manager - Commissioning Performance and Quality advised that this had been addressed by facilitating an offer of blended assessments that combined virtual and minimal direct physical contact sessions to ensure that assessments were able to progress. It was also noted that a virtual Skills to Foster training programme had commenced via Microsoft Teams for four prospective fostering households and that the Fostering Panel had continued to meet virtually. It was noted that it was predicted that performance on increasing the number of in-house foster carers was positive and that the numbers of new foster carers approved in 2020/21 would exceed performance for 2019/20 with a cohort of foster carers continuing to grow in terms of quality and availability.

IFA placements

It was noted that the White Rose Framework has provided positive support whilst managing Covid-19 by challenging providers who had approached individual local authorities to request an increase in fees. The Service Manager advised that whilst there had been very little impact on the fostering sector at the beginning of the pandemic, an increase in disruptions in foster placements for young people with challenging behaviours was now being reported. The Service Manager advised that there was concern that some foster carers were just holding onto until restrictions eased and that in the future a number of placements could break down which could lead to an increase in demand for looked after placements in the coming months.

In-borough Residential Provision

The report stated the strategy had led to an increase in local capacity of 16 places in the previous 18 months for placements that allowed children to retain local links and that were also less expensive than out of area private provision. The Service Manager advised that the impact of the pandemic had not negatively impacted on planned activities to source additional places.

In-house Residential Provision.

Activity to develop an in-house residential provision run by the Council had progressed as planned during the pandemic. It was noted that the recruitment and subsequent induction processes for the residential team had been delivered virtually, and, where face to face interactions had been required that this has been managed in line with social distancing guidance.

16+ Framework

The Head of Development Programmes – Children's Services noted that Rotherham's Flexible Purchasing System (FPS) for 16+ support and accommodation was now in its final stages and advised that the implications of the pandemic had not impacted on the original timescales planned for the procurement process.

Emergency Placements

It was noted that since restrictions related to the pandemic had been imposed in March 2020 that there have been between three and eight children placed in emergency provision at one any time. The Head of Development Programmes advised that the pandemic made it more difficult to identify long-term placements for some children who had been placed in emergency placements as quickly as was usually the case.

Members noted with concern that an increase in disruptions in foster placements for young people with challenging behaviours were now being reported and that this risked that these placements would break down once restrictions on daily life were eased further. Members asked what support was being offered to prevent placements breaking down. The Assistant Director - Children's Social Care advised that support using a variety of methods had and continued to be offered to families throughout the pandemic in order to prevent placement breakdown. The Assistant Director noted that foster families, like all families would have experienced similar difficulties and pressures throughout the pandemic and that while the summer holidays would offer some respite from these pressures the holidays would also provide new challenges for families.

Members asked for further information on the success that the service had had in preventing placements breaking down. The Assistant Director advised that the layered support offer that had included individual and group support networks for foster carers had been effective in preventing breakdown and noted that foster carers really valued the mutual support networks that were available to them. It was also noted that with appropriate safety measures in place that some face to face support had been provided by fostering social workers. The Chair welcomed the high levels of support that had been provided despite the challenges of the pandemic and the stability that this had provided families and children.

The Chair asked what the risks of further disruption and potential placement breakdown were moving forwards. The Assistant Director advised that while restrictions on daily life had eased substantially in recent weeks that life for all families was still far from normal, and that this summer would be very different creating further pressures and anxieties for families. The Assistant Director noted that further clarity regarding exactly how schools would return was needed in order to fully assess the support that would be needed for foster families. The Assistant Director also advised that the reintroduction of face to face contact for looked after children with their birth families could increase pressure on placements due to the emotions that these meetings would release.

The Assistant Director noted that as looked after children would be experiencing the same stresses and anxieties as other children due to the pandemic and as such assured members that appropriate support would continue to be offered.

Members asked for further information how the service was working in partnership with Adult Care and Housing to ensure that sufficiency was achieved for vulnerable 16- and 17-year olds. The Assistant Director noted that this area of support that was provided in partnership with Adult Care and Housing was the House Project that provided intensive support to 16- and 17-year olds. The Assistant Director advised that work was focused to ensure that young people who had been due to access the service did not miss out due to the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. Members asked how this support differed to the support that was offered by the 16+ Framework. The Assistant Director advised that both programmes supported the same cohort of young people but that each project had a slightly different focus with the House Project providing the skills for young people to eventually obtain and sustain a tenancy of their own while the 16+ Framework was an alternative pathway that offered different types of support.

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Neighbourhood Working advised that at a recent meeting of the House Project in Rotherham and the national House Project, that the project in Rotherham had been recognised as providing an effective and high level service to the young people that accessed the scheme.

The Chair thanked the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Neighbourhood Working, the Assistant Director - Children's Social Care, the Service Manager - Commissioning Performance and Quality and the Head of Development Programmes – Children's Services for attending the meeting and answering the committee's questions.

Resolved: -

- 1) That the progress made in delivery of the LAC Sufficiency Strategy be noted.

- 2) That the risk that demand for placements will increase as lockdown eases be noted, and, that in addition to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission monitoring performance in this area using the established performance monitoring procedures, that managers proactively raise any concerns that they have with the Improving Lives Select Commission if they arise.
- 3) That a summary of the meeting with the National House Project be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.

84. YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM - PROGRESS REPORT

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Neighbourhood Working and the Service Manager - Youth Offending Team and Evidence Based Hub attended the meeting to provide a progress report on the recommendations that the Improving Lives Select Commission had made at its meeting on 29 October 2019 (Minute No.40 2019/20) that:

- 1) That the Deputy Leader explores if further measures can be taken to identify Council apprenticeship opportunities for young people involved in the youth justice system and engage the wider business community in similar initiatives such as job fairs.
- 2) That the involvement of service users in offering awareness raising in schools and/or peer support to other young offenders or those at risk of offending, be explored.

The Chair noted that the committee had been expecting the report to also provide assurances around a changing demand due to the apparent decrease in numbers of first time young offenders and the increase in the complex nature of some cases, as noted in the committee's work programme. It was agreed that a further report providing this information would be submitted to the September meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission.

The Service Manager provided an overview of the activity that had taken place in response to the recommendations made by the committee in October 2019. The Service Manager advised that she had worked with the Early Help Voice and Influence Officer to create an apprentice Youth Support Worker post that had provided an opportunity within the Evidence Based Hub to support the delivery of interventions and increase youth participation. The Service Manager also noted that in order to provide opportunities for young people in Rotherham the service had offered a guaranteed interview scheme for the post to the authority's Looked after Children and Young People who had had previous involvement in the Youth Justice System. It was noted that interviews had taken place for the Apprentice Youth Support and that a conditional offer of employment had been made to a Young person who had first-hand experience of the Youth Justice System and being a Looked after Child in Rotherham.

The Service Manager advised that the Rotherham Youth Offending Team continued to work with Employers such as Timpson's who actively supported the rehabilitation of offenders by offering training and employment opportunities, but noted that the development of further partnerships with local businesses had been disrupted due to the pandemic. Members were however assured that activities to identify opportunities for post-16 learners and Education, Training and Employment remained a priority.

The Service Manager noted that between September 2019 and March 2020 the tri-borough Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) project (EPIC) delivered CCE awareness sessions to 11,801 young people across Rotherham Secondary schools.

It was also noted that the EPIC team had developed a crime and consequence programme (Think Forward) to be shared and utilised across the three boroughs and 'train the trainer' training was completed in February 2020. The Service Manager advised that the delivery of the programme had been suspended due to the pandemic but noted that alternative methods of virtual delivery were being explored.

The Service Manager provided information on the Mentors in Violence Prevention programme that was currently being offered via Liaison and Diversion across South Yorkshire. The Mentors in Violence Prevention Programme had been funded by the Violence Reduction Unit and the Service Manager noted that it was hoped that the programme would be utilised fully by schools and other key partners as the programme had been evidenced to lead to a significant reduction in violent incidents as well as providing opportunities for young people to develop wider key skills.

The Service Manager also presented a summary of the Youth Offending Performance Report that had been presented to the Youth Offending Team Management Board on 13 July 2020. The report was attached an appendix to the officer's report.

The Chair welcomed the work that had been carried out regarding apprenticeships and peer mentoring.

Members asked if there had been any increases in incidents of antisocial behaviour involving young people during the pandemic. The Service Manager advised that incidents had not increased and noted that any pockets of an antisocial behaviour were being addressed by the service and its partners. Members asked about how the police had been engaging with young people regarding the restrictions on social interaction so as to ensure that young people did not break the regulations risking fines or potential arrest. The Service Manager advised that the police had engaged well with young people around enforcing the restrictions and assured members that the police viewed enforcement

activity as a last resort. Members noted that it was important that young people were not criminalised for what was normal behaviour for that age group.

Members asked about figures in the Youth Offending Performance Report regarding the ethnic background of young people entering the youth offending system. The Service Manager advised that young people from BAME backgrounds tended to enter the system at a higher level than young people from white backgrounds and assured members that activity was being taken to address this disparity by engaging further with young BAME people.

The Chair asked for further information on the understanding and reasons on why the figures contained in the report showed a relatively high number of young people in the youth offending system that had special educational needs. The Service Manager advised that as young people with these needs often struggled to manage their emotions and subsequent behaviour they could be more likely to enter the youth offending system, and as such it was important that this group's needs were addressed at an earlier stage than was currently the case in order to reduce the numbers entering the system.

The Service Manager outlined the support that was available to young people who entered the youth justice team noting that this was delivered by both the Council's youth offending team and also delivery partners across a wide range of programmes and settings. The Service Manager advised that there was growing interest from schools regarding the Mentors in Violence Programme. The Chair welcomed this, noting that it was positive to see such a holistic approach being used to deliver support. The Service Manager advised that with regards to the Mentors in Violence Programme that while it was still early days it was hoped that the interest shown by some schools would encourage other schools to become involved.

Members asked how they could become involved in promoting the various programmes run by the youth offending team in their wards. The Service Manager advised that members could support the programmes and the work of the youth offending team by raising awareness of their services in their local schools. The Service Manager also advised that if members had any issues in their wards that would benefit from the support of the youth offending team then they should let her know. The Service Manager advised that she would circulate details of the Mentors in Violence Programme to members.

The Chair asked for further information on the "Levelling the playing field" initiative that had been referred to in the report. The Service Manager advised that this was a Youth Justice Board initiative that aimed to engage with young BAME people via sport and health at an early stage with preventative activity and was designed to address the disproportionate number of BAME young people entering the youth justice system.

The Chair asked what the potential impact would be on the services provided by the youth offending team as a result of the number of hours provided by the dedicated police officer who worked with the youth offending team being reduced by eight hours a week. The Service Manager advised that the reduction had had minimal impact as a new officer in the post had introduced new ways of working that were proving very effective. The Service Manager assured members that this reduction in hours would not negatively impact on service provision.

The Chair thanked the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Neighbourhood Working and the Service Manager - Youth Offending Team and Evidence Based Hub for attending the meeting and answering the committee's questions.

Resolved: -

- 1) That the report be noted.
- 2) That a further report be brought to the 22 September 2020 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission to provide assurances around changing demand for Youth Offending Services due to the apparent decrease in numbers of first time young offenders and the increase in the complex nature of a this reduced cohort of young offenders.
- 3) That further information on the Mentors in Violence programme be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.
- 4) That a more detailed narrative in regard to table 13a of the Youth Offending Performance Report, as included in the agenda pack, be circulated to the members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.

85. WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

The Committee considered its Work Programme for 2020/21.

Resolved: -

- 1) That the Work Programme be updated as discussed.
- 2) That the Work Programme for 2020/21 be approved.

86. IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION - MONITORING REPORT

The Committee considered the outstanding actions on the Monitoring Report.

Resolved: -

That the Governance Advisor makes the required follow up activity as required for the outstanding actions.

87. IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION - SUB AND PROJECT GROUP UPDATES

The Chair provided a progress report on sub and project group activity.

Resolved: -

- 1) That the update be noted.
- 2) That the scope for the review of Early Help be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission and that members of the commission contact the Governance Advisor with expressions of interest for taking part in the review.

88. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

89. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved: -

That the next meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission take place on Tuesday 22 September 2020 at 5:30pm as a Microsoft Teams meeting.

-

(a) F
I
E
L
D
-
I
T
E
M
-
N
U
M
B
E
R

(b) F
I
E
L
D
-
I
T
E
M
-
N
U
M
B
E
R

<h1>BRIEFING</h1>	TO:	Improving Lives Select Commission
	DATE:	22 September 2020
	LEAD OFFICER:	Ailsa Barr Assistant Director Children's Social Care
	TITLE:	Update report regarding Children's Social Care Service in the light of Covid-19 pandemic

1. Background

- 1.1** This briefing paper is by way of update following the briefing paper presented to the commission on 4 June 2020.
- The briefing paper presented to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission is attached at Appendix 1.

2. Key Issues: What's Working Well / What are we worried about?

2.1 What's Working Well?

- Social workers have been supported to continue their work, whilst most workers have worked from home most of their visits to children have been in person. Since 23 March until end August the performance relating to visits is as follows:

	Total Visits	Physical		Virtual	
CIN	10173	9266	91.1%	907	8.9%
CP	6931	6498	93.8%	433	6.2%
LAC	2987	2485	83.2%	502	16.8%
All	20091	18249	90.8%	1842	9.2%

Below is the performance for August only which shows that most visits are now taking place physically as opposed to virtually.

	Total Visits	Physical		Virtual	
CIN	1728	1716	99.3%	12	0.7%
CP	1183	1177	99.5%	6	0.5%
LAC	479	465	97.1%	14	2.9%
All	3390	3358	99.1%	32	0.9%

- The timeliness in relation to visits, assessments and plans has remained good with July's performance figures indicating the following:

- Child protection visits and visits to looked after children were both 93% within statutory time frames
 - Assessments 95% completed within the 45-day timeframe
 - Timeliness of plans is good
 - CiN plans – 95% within time
 - CP plans – 90% within time
 - LAC plans – 94% in time
- Our staff continue to use different technologies to engage with children, young people and their families, and staff.
 - We have successfully re-commenced face-to-face family time (contact) for looked after children and their birth families. We are not able to facilitate as many sessions as previously as the risk assessment of the building has meant that some rooms are not useable and the number of people that can use the building in a day has also been reduced. Therefore, we continue to compliment the physical family time with virtual family time through phone call or video call.
 - The close multi-agency partnership working has continued with a weekly meeting bringing senior staff from across the partnership together with a focus on problem identification and resolution.
 - The service has continued to progress work in key areas, and this has meant that some significant legal decisions for children have been able to be made in the last few months. Some legal decisions have been delayed (i.e. final adoptions orders) due to lack of court time to hold these hearings, we have worked closely with staff at the court and now have hearing dates scheduled throughout the Autumn which will ensure that these children have the right legal permanency in place.
 - The authority has worked within the amendments to the legislation which allowed for some relaxation of some regulations. However, we have not needed to utilise most of the relaxations as we have been able to adjust the way that we do our work, for example moving to holding virtual fostering panels as opposed to using the regulatory relaxations.
 - The Department for Education has updated its published guidance for children's social care services. As reported previously Rotherham has worked effectively within this guidance.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-childrens-social-care-services/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-local-authorities-on-childrens-social-care>
 - On 3 August we started a pilot meaning that more of our social workers could have some office-based time. Case holding social workers from First Response, Locality/Disability and the Looked after Children's service have been able to take part in accessing an office-based environment at Riverside on a rota basis. We have sought feedback via a survey from our staff to further inform next steps.
 - The survey for the staff involved in the pilot closed on 7 September and the initial high-level results are shown below. A total of 120 responses were received with 56% of respondents being usually based in Riverside House and 44% usually based elsewhere.
 - The following questions are based on a scale of 1 – 10, where 1 is not at all and 10 is a lot:

Question	Average answer
How much have you valued the opportunity to work from home over the past few months?	7.51
How important is meeting with your team physically to support your professional practice?	7.13
How important is meeting with your team physically to support your emotional wellbeing?	7.4
How satisfied are you with the current amount of time that you are able to spend working in Riverside House?	6.03
How important is it for you and your team to work from your usual work base?	6.64

- Staff were also asked to identify what was most important to them in relation to the location of where they are able to work from:
 - 42% of respondents stated that they were happy to work from any office base if it means they can spend more time with their team.
 - 58% of respondents felt that working from their usual office base was important.
- The free text comments which staff provided indicate that the locality based workers are finding it more of a challenge to be based at Riverside as their work out of the office is not always easy to time plan, and being centrally based means time can be lost when returning to the office.
- When asked about looking to the future and the style of working that staff would prefer the following responses were received:
 - 76% of respondents would prefer a mixture of office based and home working
 - 13% of respondents would prefer full time office-based working
 - 12% of respondents would prefer full time home working
- In summary from the responses received there is evidence to suggest that a further return to office working would be seen positively, but a blended mixture of home and office working will be important and valued by staff. There is also some evidence to suggest that some staff do have concerns about individual health risks which need to be supported appropriately on an individual basis.
- Overall there is a sense that staff understand the need to undertake any further return to office working slowly and with caution but having some sense of trajectory would be helpful to manage expectations. Within children's social care we are continuing to work with the wider CYPS directorate and corporate colleagues to plan next steps in terms of social workers using office bases.

2.2	<p>What are we worried about?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of contacts received by the MASH increased during June, back to similar rates to the same time last year, during July and August the contact rate was higher than the same period last year. It is reassuring that the level of information being passed to MASH has increased, however, this causes operational challenges and we are working hard to respond to these. • A proportion of support work for children, young people and their families continues to be delivered virtually. Whilst it is positive that support services have found innovative ways to continue to offer some support to vulnerable families during the past few months it is important that families are able to receive some face-to-face support in order that we can be more assured that work to intervene and support families is in place to progress plans forwards in a positive way. • Schools re-opening is likely to cause a rise in contact with MASH which increase the flow of work to children's social care and early help. • The ongoing presence of coronavirus in the population means that children's school offer may not be consistent meaning that more children may need to self-isolate during the Autumn term than in the Summer term, this could impact on the demand for children's social care in that families where there are already identified vulnerabilities will have their children at home for extended periods (if there are several children in the family they could be required to self-isolate for different 2 week periods). If children are required to self-isolate due to contact with someone with coronavirus at school this could also affect social worker's children and then could impact workers' ability to attend work.
<p>3. Key Actions and Timelines</p>	
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing work with the multi-agency partnership to ensure that children's safeguarding remains a top priority for all with a focus on the return of children to school settings. • Social workers and managers to continue to review all casework and ensure that all opportunities to progress plans are considered and where work needs to be extended it will be explicit to all that the delay to progressing plans relates to Covid-19. • Social work managers will continue to work closely with the performance service to ensure that plans are in place to respond to any surge in demand. • Further options to be developed to consider how we can extend the offer of office based working to enable more of our social work staff to safely undertake some of their work from their work bases to allow them to benefit from face-to-face connection with their manager and colleagues.
<p>4. Recommendations: What are we going to do about it?</p>	
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That members note the information contained within the report and seek further assurance from the assistant director for children's social care at subsequent meetings of the improving lives select commission.

<h1>BRIEFING</h1>	TO:	Improving Lives Select Commission
	DATE:	4 June 2020
	LEAD OFFICER:	Ailsa Barr Assistant director children's social care
	TITLE:	Children's social care service in the light of Covid-19 pandemic

1. Background

- 1.1** The purpose of this briefing is to provide an overview and assurance of the current situation in respect of delivering children's social care services in in the context of the current national crisis. The paper sets out the work undertaken to date and provides an overview and reassurance of how essential work to support planning in relation to children in need, child protection and looked after children is being progressed
- In the weeks following the decision regarding the national emergency we have worked hard to ensure that measures were in place to ensure that essential children's safeguarding work would continue. This has included the following:
- Developed a RAG rating tool to assist managers and social workers identifying the children they are most worried about to prioritise support and home visits. This is a dynamic process and is regularly reviewed. We have embedded the RAG rating into liquid logic so as the level of concern is visible to all with access to Liquid Logic case management system to support service continuity.
 - Developed a pre-visit risk assessment tool to guide social workers in how to establish with families prior to a visit whether a visit is safe or not in the light of coronavirus this is also embedded in Liquid Logic and is completed prior to every visit.
 - Social workers have visited all children RAG rated as red or amber and many children rated as green as long as the household isn't symptomatic, deferred visits can only be approved by a manager and social workers are maintaining phone/video call contact with all families even if they can't visit.
 - Stepped all meetings into virtual arrangements (using skype, MS teams, telephone conferencing) these include:
 - Strategy meetings
 - Case conferences
 - Looked after children reviews
 - Legal gateway planning and pre-proceedings planning meetings
 - Adoption and fostering panel
 - Moved to a position where all social workers are working from home with 1 duty team based in Riverside on a rota basis, when working from home staff are still physically visiting families in line with the RAG rating and the pre-visit risk assessment tool.
 - Stopped providing direct supervised family time (contact) for looked after children and their parents/families but instead supported virtual arrangements e.g. phone calls/video calls etc.
 - Obtained corporate approval for WhatsApp to be available on all social workers' work mobiles to support them in communicating with families more effectively.

WhatsApp has video calling functionality which supports staff maintaining more 'real' contact with children/parents/carers

- Obtained a stock of personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff. Hand sanitiser is available for everyone doing community-based visits and gloves, face masks and aprons are available in the event that the pre-visit risk assessment tool indicates that this is needed.
- We are working closely with colleagues in education/inclusion services and key multi-agency partners health/police etc to ensure that the usual routes for escalation and referral of new information is being maintained. The assistant director (Ailsa Barr) has been chairing a twice weekly meeting with partners which has been positively working to identify and unblock problems in service delivery.
- Ailsa also contributes to weekly conference call with Isabelle Trowler (chief social worker for children) and other children's social work practice leaders from across England, this has enabled a sharing of good practice and ensures some national consistency.

2. Key Issues: What's Working Well / What are we worried about?

2.1 What's Working Well?

- Social workers have been supported to continue their work in a safe way ensuring both the safety of the both children/young people and staff. Most visits to children have remained physical visits by social workers – performance in this area for week commencing 11th May is:

	Total Visits	Physical		Virtual	
CIN	438	387	88.36%	51	11.64%
CP	342	318	92.98%	24	7.02%
LAC	147	116	78.91%	31	21.09%
All	927	821	88.57%	106	11.43%

- The timeliness in relation to assessments has remained high at 95% assessments completed in 45 working days.
- Using different technologies has helped to open different ways of engaging children, young people and their families and much of this has been positively received.
- The multi-agency partnership working relationships have been strengthened and there has been a real commitment to work collaboratively to ensure that children and young people are kept safe from harm. An example of this positive multi-agency work is attached which has been developed and distributed across the partnership to remind all partners of the importance of working together and sharing information to safeguard children.



May 2020 Covid
Safeguarding latest.

- The service has maintained a focus on progressing work wherever possible, it has been acknowledged that especially within the pre-proceedings area of work this has been identified as good practice and we have received some positive feedback from legal colleagues as Rotherham's practice in this area is proactive as opposed to stepping down this area of work we have maintained the progression of work to support families on the edge of legal proceedings.

- There have been amendments to some of the legislation underpinning the delivery of some element of children's social care. The changes have allowed some relaxation of some regulations. Because of the early decisions that we have made to RAG rate our work and to move key processes (i.e. panels and review meetings) into virtual delivery we have not so far needed to utilise the relaxations available via the amended legislation. The report presented to the tactical and gold RMBC groups is attached for further information.



RMBC response to
The Adoption and C

- The Department for Education has also published guidance for children's social care services. It is reassuring that many of the recommendations within this guidance was already in place in Rotherham when the guidance was published on 6th May 2020. A link to the guidance is below for further information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-childrens-social-care-services/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-local-authorities-on-childrens-social-care>

2.2 What are we worried about?

- The number of referrals has reduced since the end of March, this makes us worry that some children or young people may need help but that this is not being identified early enough because less professionals are having physical contact with children and young people meaning that there are less opportunities to gather information in an incremental manner.
- Although most children and young people are having physical contact with their social worker, it is hard for workers to effectively intervene and progress plans when many of the support services have reduce their offer of support or have shifted to a virtual delivery model. This means that although we are confident about the safety and welfare of children and young people, we are less confident that work to positively intervene and progress the plan is being completed. This could mean that some children will require work lead by a social worker for a longer period.
- The combination of the above and a potential surge of referrals as schools re-open and other professionals recommence more direct contact with families could put a lot of pressure on the social work system and this could affect our effectiveness in working with families.
- Our looked after children have mostly not been having physical contact with their birth family, this is hard for many of our looked after children and their families.
- Our social workers have been working at home since the end of March this is not a usual set of arrangements for social work delivery. Our staff are missing the day-to-day contact with colleagues and the informal opportunities to share issues and collectively problem solve.

3. Key Actions and Timelines

3.1

- Ongoing work with the multi-agency partnership to ensure that children's safeguarding remains a top priority for all – weekly multi-agency meetings will continue.
- Social workers and managers to continue to review all casework and ensure that all opportunities to progress plans are considered and where work needs to be extended it will be explicit to all that the delay to progressing plans relates to Covid-19.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social work managers will continue to work closely with the performance service to ensure that plans are in place to respond to any surge in demand• Options to be developed to consider safely progressing contact for looked after children with their families, these options will need to consider all risks and mitigations and take into account individual circumstances – options to be presented to tactical and gold groups during w/c 8th June 2020• Options to be developed to consider how we can enable our social work staff to safely undertake some of their work from their work bases to allow them to benefit from face-to-face connection with their manager and colleagues – options to be presented to DLT during w/c 8th June 2020
4. Recommendations: What are we going to do about it?	
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• That members note the information contained within the report and seek further assurance from the assistant director for children’s social care at subsequent meetings of the improving lives select commission.

BRIEFING	TO:	Improving Lives Select Commission
	DATE:	22 September 2020
	LEAD OFFICER:	Emma Ellis Service Manager YOT and Evidence Based Hub – CYPS 01709 255680 emma.ellis@rotherham.gov.uk
	TITLE:	Complexity of Young People in Youth Offending Cohort
1. Background		
1.1	Improving Lives Select Commission (ILSC) met on 28 July 2020 and were presented with an update in relation to recommendations from the ILSC on 29 October 2019.	
1.2	<p>This briefing paper contains an update in relation to the following recommendations from the ILSC on 28 July 2020</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>That a further report be brought to the 22 September 2020 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission to provide assurances around changing demand for Youth Offending Services due to the apparent decrease in numbers of first time young offenders and the increase in the complex nature of a this reduced cohort of young offenders.</i> 2) <i>That a clearer chart be provided in regard to ethnicity of young people in the Youth Offending Team (YOT) Cohort (Appendix 1)</i> 	
1.3	This briefing paper also contains information requested by the Chair, Councillor Cusworth to; <i>provide reassurances regarding Re-offending rates as identified in the Early Help Performance Scorecard.</i>	
2. Key Issues		
2.1	<p>In recent years, Youth Offending Teams (YOTs) statutory workloads have reduced significantly, as has their funding and to increase desistance, it is evident that personalised approaches work best.</p> <p>Desistance is the process of abstaining from crime amongst those who previously had engaged in a sustained pattern of offending. Effective methods for children and young people need to be age-appropriate and based on a good understanding of the individual's needs, history and circumstances, for example a young person's Looked After status, gender and ethnicity.</p>	

2.2	Due to the small numbers of young people in this cohort no data or graphs will be provided as this may make some young people identifiable to members of the public therefore a summary of key characteristics is provided below.
2.3	<p>Complexity of YOT Cohort - All based on distinct statutory court caseload within Q1 (April – June) 2020</p> <p>Of the 14 Young people who have open cases during this period the following factors have been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% (7) are Looked After Children • 64.3% (9) were NEET at the start of the Order • 72% (10) have identified Mental Health needs • 64.3% (9) have identified Substance Misuse issues. • 43% (6) have identified Physical Needs • 22% (3) have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in place • 7.1% (1) declared ethnicity of Black African compared with 92.9% (13) White British.
2.4	Rotherham YOT utilises existing services to address these identified risks and needs for this cohort of young people. DIVERT will support young people with substance misuse issues and case managers work alongside the young person to reduce barriers to accessing Education, training or employment, with additional support where required from inclusion services or Early Help Outreach and engagement teams.
2.5	The most common offence in this cohort of young people is violence against the person, with nine young people receiving a conviction for this plus a further three young people recorded with a Robbery offence.
2.6	<p>Five out of the fourteen young people have been assessed as high risk of serious harm, three are assessed as high risk of reoffending and four young people have been assessed as high risk in relation to their own safety and wellbeing. Risk management in YOT is managed in a multitude of ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y-MARAC – Youth Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (a multi-agency risk meeting chaired by YOT) to ensure a multi-agency response to risk management • C-MARAC – Community MARAC for older young people • MAPPA for MAPPA eligible offenders (no YP currently meet this criteria) • RAM – Risk assessment meeting (multi-agency) for assessing risk in relation to child exploitation.
2.7	The YOT also works alongside children’s social care contributing to Strategy meetings, CIN (Child in Need) and Child protection Conferences (CP) and Core Groups. Escalation process are in place to MARVP (Multi Agency Risk and Vulnerability Panel) to obtain Director level oversight, where required.
2.8	Locally the YOT is exploring opportunities to promote genuinely collaborative working with children and young people through voice and influence work. The creation of a post in the Evidence Based Hub specifically to look at programmes delivered to young people and evaluate their effectiveness in reducing risk and increasing desistance will help strengthen our interventions to reduce re-offending further.

2.9	The YOT continues to seek opportunities to work collaboratively with our statutory and voluntary partners to reduce First Time Entrants (FTE) into the Youth Justice System and to provide innovative solutions to offending behaviour and Anti-social behaviour in communities. Examples include Multi Agency Keepsafe operations and the targeted Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) Summer programme delivered by YOT in partnership with Crowden Outdoor Education Centre and Early Help Outreach and Engagement teams.
2.10	<p>Reoffending</p> <p>The June 2020 Early Help performance scorecard summary sections:</p> <p>10.3 Rate of re-offending by young offenders (reoffending rates after 12 months aggregated qtlly cohort) 31.0% (April 2017 – March 2018)</p> <p>10.5 Re-offences by Re-offenders (reoffending rates after 12 months aggregated qtlly cohort) 4.92 (April 2017 – March 2018)</p>
2.11	This information is provided by YJB and is based on PNC data – the last update received referred to the Cohort of Young people tracked between April 2017 – March 2018 so does not relate to the current cohort of Young people.
2.12	To track re-offending on a local basis the YOT utilises a re-offending toolkit approved by the YJB and aligned with AssetPlus. This will inform any required remedial action to be taken by the YOT for the twelve-month period.
2.13	<p>Locally this data is reported to the YOT Management Board on a quarterly basis and looks at the latest cohort of young people within the previous 12-month period. The reoffending data below looks at the period 1 July 2019 – 31 June 2020.</p> <p>Number of young people in cohort: 72 Number of young people reoffending 8 Number of further offences committed by cohort members: 17</p> <p>Overall binary reoffending rate: 11.1% Overall re-offences per reoffender rate: 2.13 Overall reoffences per offender rate: 0.24</p>
2.14	The 'live' reoffending data shows a significant reduction in binary rate of re-offending from 31.0% in April 2017 – March 2018 to 11.1% July 2019 – June 20 and in the frequency of re-offences by re-offenders from 4.92 down to 2.13.
2.15	<p>The local tracker shows us that of the 8 young people responsible for the 17 re-offences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 out of 8 are female • 3 out of the 8 are/have been looked after • 3 out of the 8 committed 3 reoffences • 3 out of the 8 committed 2 reoffences • 2 out of the 8 committed 1 reoffence • 8 out of the 8 committed reoffences deemed 'less serious' (gravity matrix score) than their original offences
2.16	Rotherham YOT continues to monitor re-offending via the YOT Management Board on a quarterly basis and the Service Manager for the YOT and Evidence Based Hub provides a report on progress against this measure. Monthly information is sent to case managers

in the YOT so this information can be used to inform intervention and risk management plans. The continued development of evidence-based programmes that meet individual needs remains a priority for the service and we utilise shared resources and good practice from other YOTs to continue this development.

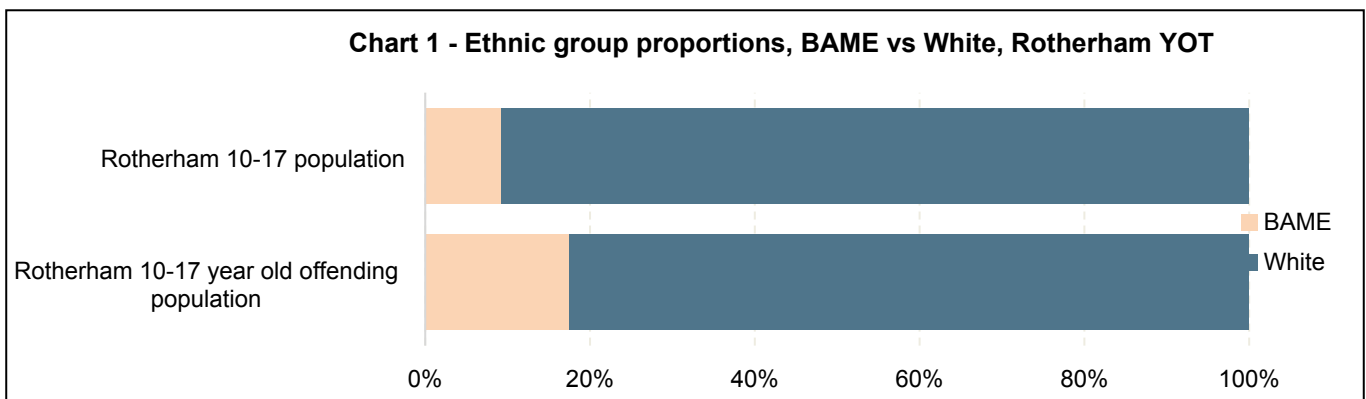
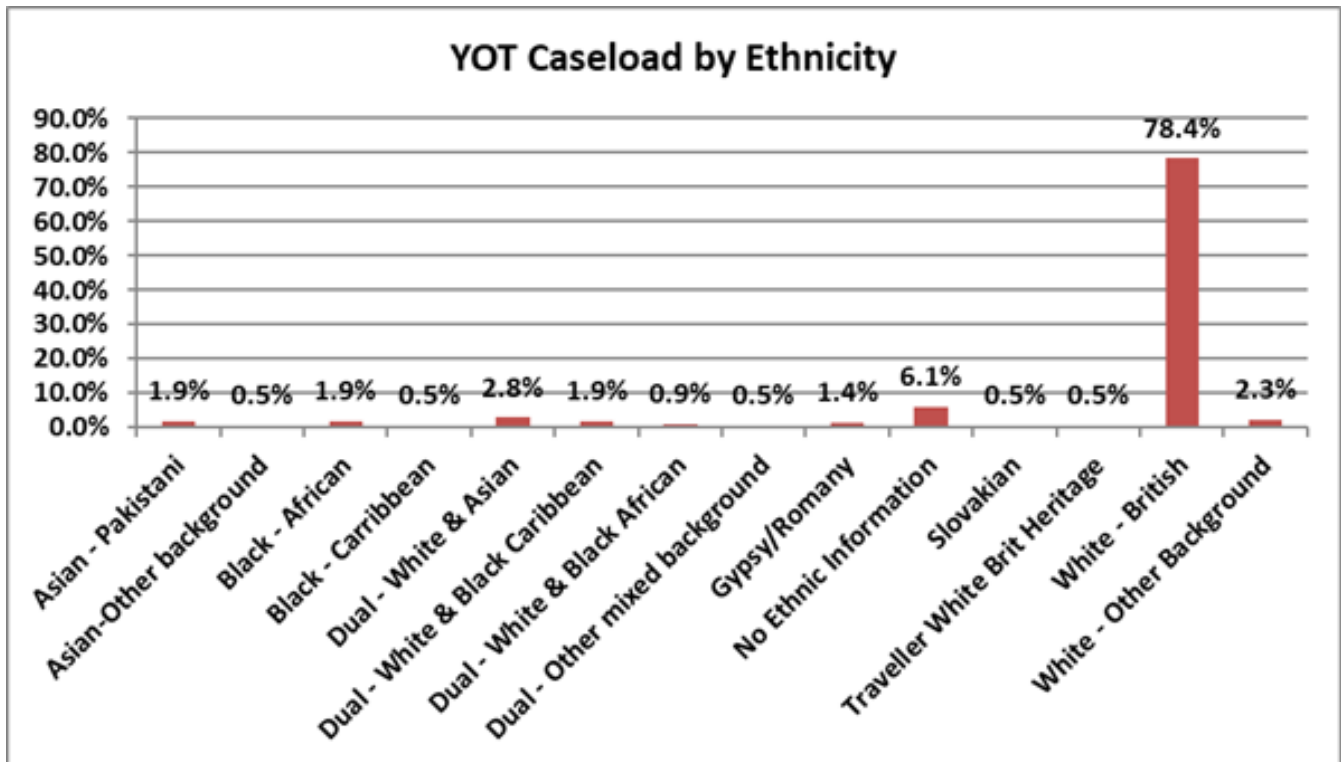
3.Key Actions and Timelines

- 3.1** 29 October 2019 – Improving Lives Select Commission
- 16 December 2019 – YOT Management Board
- July 2020 – Interviews for Apprentice Youth Support Worker
- July 2020 – Interviews for Senior Family Support Worker – Evidence Based Hub
- 28 July 2020 - Improving Lives Select Commission
- August 2020 – Rotherham YOT HMIP Inspection Announced
- 13 August 2020 – YJB Racial Disparity materials published
- 14-17 September 2020 - Rotherham YOT HMIP Inspection
- September 2020 – Future YOT Management Board
- 22 September 2020 - Improving Lives Select Commission

4. Recommendations

- 4.1** That Improving Lives Select Commission note the progress against the two recommendations from the Improving Lives Select Commission on 28 July 2020.
- 4.2** That ethnicity data continues to be presented in the quarterly report in the format given in Appendix 1.

Appendix 1



The charts above show a comparison of the ethnic composition of YOT population (young people who received a youth caution or court conviction) with its local 10-17 population (2011 census). The BAME group contains data from all ethnic groups (Asian, Black, Mixed and Other), in Rotherham YOT White young people are underrepresented and BAME young people are overrepresented when comparing the offending population with the 10-17 population. White young people make up 83% of the offending population and 91% of the 10-17 population BAME young people make up 18% of the offending population and 9% of the 10-17 population.

Many of the BAME young people who enter the YOT population appear to have ‘bypassed’ prevention or out of court disposal processes, presenting as a FTE for a more serious offence. We need to identify these young people earlier using existing mechanisms in place (Early Help, Schools etc) and encouraging earlier referrals from partners where risk factors may be present.

Rotherham YOT is working with the YJB to address disproportionality through the Levelling the playing field initiative which will utilise sports and mentoring to engage earlier with young people from BAME communities. We need to use local provision and existing providers who can

support delivery and facilitate conversations with young people and families to ensure any intervention is meaningful.

Since the ILSC on 28 July 2020 the YJB has in August 2020 published some materials to highlight where over-representation occurs in the youth justice system, we will seek to use these resources to continue to challenge ourselves and reduce disproportionality in Rotherham:

These materials include:

- a presentation
- a three-page infographic that summarises some of the main findings
- an effective practice brief on working with Gypsy Roma Traveller (GRT) children and families

Rotherham YOT staff took part in a meeting with the Ministry of Justice, the YJB and national voluntary and legal agencies supporting these families to share learning, challenges and good practice. We continue to attend this forum and strengthen links with these agencies.

Work programme – Improving Lives Select Commission 2020-21 UPDATED: 17 AUGUST 2020

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Purpose/ Outcomes	Recommendations
16 June	Response to Domestic Abuse during the pandemic	To receive an update on the Council's work regarding domestic abuse during the pandemic.	<p>Resolved: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the report be noted. 2) That up to date figures on Domestic Abuse Incidents, Domestic Abuse Response (referrals) and Domestic Abuse Commissioned Service Caseloads be circulated to the members of the Improving Lives Select Commission in four weeks' time. 3) That information on the number of Domestic Abuse incidents and referrals for support services relating to male victims of Domestic Abuse during the pandemic. be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.
	Performance Monitoring	<p>To receive briefing paper addressing areas of poor performance identified previously e.g. rereferrals into Child in Need/Child Protection Plan.</p> <p>To agree a method and frequency of performance monitoring based on the CYPS tracker.</p>	<p>Resolved: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the report be noted. 2) That the Children and Young People's Services Vision Tracker continues to be circulated on a monthly basis. 3) That the Children and Young People's Services Vision Tracker, along with the monthly scorecards be circulated to all members of the Council. 4) That after receiving the Children and Young People's Services Vision Tracker and the monthly scorecards, members of the Improving Lives Select Commission should, if required, request a meeting with lead officers to undertake a performance clinic type discussion based on the particular measures or interest or concern.

			5) That the revised methods of monitoring performance be reviewed at the June 2021 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission.
	Re-referrals and repeat child protection planning - Progress report	To provide a progress report on actions that had been taken regarding re-referrals and repeat child protection planning	<p>Resolved -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the report be noted. 2) That a progress report on re-referrals and repeat child protection planning be provided at the December 2020 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission. 3) That information on the outputs and development opportunities highlighted by the audit work completed in relation to re-referrals be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.
	Work Programme	To consider the committee's work programme	<p>Resolved: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the Work Programme be updated as discussed. 2) That the Work Programme for 2020/21 be approved.
	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.	<p>Resolved: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the update be noted. 2) That the scope for the review of Early Help be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission once completed.

ILSC Monitoring Report

To monitor the progress of recommendations made by ILSC.

Resolved: -

That the Governance Advisor makes the required follow up activity as required for the outstanding actions.

28 July	Update on LAC Sufficiency	To monitor progress and to assess any impact on capacity due to Covid-19.	<p>Resolved: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the progress made in delivery of the LAC Sufficiency Strategy be noted. 2) That the risk that demand for placements will increase as lockdown eases be noted, and, that in addition to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission monitoring performance in this area using the established performance monitoring procedures, that managers proactively raise any concerns that they have with the Improving Lives Select Commission if they arise. 3) That a summary of the meeting with the National House Project be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.
	Youth Offending Team – Progress report	<p>To monitor progress and highlight an area for further scrutiny.</p> <p>Specifically, to check progress of recommendations made last year and to seek assurances around a changing demand due to the apparent decrease in numbers of first time young offenders and the increase in the complex nature of a this reduced cohort of young offenders.</p>	<p>Resolved: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the report be noted. 2) That a further report be brought to the 22 September 2020 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission to provide assurances around changing demand for Youth Offending Services due to the apparent decrease in numbers of first time young offenders and the increase in the complex nature of a this reduced cohort of young offenders. 3) That further information on the Mentors in Violence programme be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission. 4) That a more detailed narrative in regard to table 13a of the Youth Offending Performance Report, as included in the agenda pack, be circulated to the members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.

	Work Programme	To consider the committee's work programme.	<p>Resolved: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the Work Programme be updated as discussed. 2) That the Work Programme for 2020/21 be approved.
	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.	<p>Resolved: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the update be noted. 2) That the scope for the review of Early Help be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission and that members of the commission contact the Governance Advisor with expressions of interest for taking part in the review.
	ILSC Monitoring Report	To monitor the progress of recommendations made by ILSC.	<p>Resolved: -</p> <p>That the Governance Advisor makes the required follow up activity as required for the outstanding actions.</p>

22 September	Youth Offending Team	To seek assurances around a changing demand due to the apparent decrease in numbers of first time young offenders and the increase in the complex nature of a this reduced cohort of young offenders.	
	Children's social care service in the light of Covid-19 pandemic – Progress Report	To provide a progress report on activity detailed in the briefing to members received on 4 June 2020.	
	Work Programme	To consider the committee's work programme.	
	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.	
	ILSC Monitoring Report	To monitor the progress of recommendations made by ILSC.	

27 October	Adult Safeguarding Annual Report	To receive and consider the annual report.	
	Rotherham Children's Safeguarding Partnership – Annual Report	To receive and consider the annual report.	
	Rotherham Education Strategic Partnership	That a report detailing key timelines, milestones and outcomes to reflect the difference that RESP is making be submitted to this Commission in December 2019. December meeting cancelled. To assess the impact that the service is having.	
	Elective Home Education	To seek assurance that children who are elective home educated are being effectively safeguarded/educated	
	Work Programme	To consider the committee's work programme	
	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.	
	ILSC Monitoring Report	To monitor the progress of recommendations made by ILSC.	

15 December			
	Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the SEND Peer Review conducted in March 2020.	Peer review circulated to members April 2020.	
	Re-referrals and repeat child protection planning – Progress report	Resolved at June 2020 meeting to receive a progress report at December 2020 meeting.	
	Rotherham Education Strategic Partnership	Resolved in June 2019 - That the evaluation of the Early Years Home Visiting Project be submitted to this Commission.	
	Work Programme	To consider the committee's work programme.	
	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.	
	ILSC Monitoring Report	To monitor the progress of recommendations made by ILSC	

26 January	CYPS Directorate workforce strategy	Progress report	
	Invitation to Regional Schools Commissioner to attend meeting		
	School Performance	Progress report on latest figures	
	Work Programme	To consider the committee's work programme.	
	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.	
	ILSC Monitoring Report	To monitor the progress of recommendations made by ILSC.	

9 March	Pause Progress report	Resolved in March 2020 to bring a further report after May 2021.	
	Work Programme	To consider the committee's work programme and to reflect on work programme for 2020/21	
	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.	
	ILSC Monitoring Report	To monitor the progress of recommendations made by ILSC.	

Items pending schedule or removal

Item	Details	Status
Safer Rotherham Partnership	<p>Resolved at OSMB July 2019</p> <p>That an update be provided to the Improving Lives Select Committee on the actions and recommendations to address stalking and harassment.</p>	To be scheduled
CSE Support Services	Resolved at Cabinet in June 2020 that the ILSC monitor the operation of the new support services.	To be scheduled for December 2021 meeting.
Performance Monitoring	Resolved June 2020: That the revised methods of monitoring performance be reviewed at the June 2021 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission.	To be scheduled for June 2021 meeting.
Missing from Home/Education (Update from Strategic Missing Group)	Progress report	To be scheduled
Counter extremism in schools	<p>Resolved in September 2019</p> <p>That a report be submitted to this Commission as part of 2020/21 work programme outlining how the local authority was meeting its Prevent duty.</p> <p>That an update on its counter extremism work be submitted to this Commission as part of 2020/21 work programme.</p> <p>That this update includes an evaluation of the work in schools and further details of the work with adults and neighbourhoods and any specific work with parents and carers.</p> <p>Focus to be on work being done in schools.</p>	To be scheduled

**IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS – IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING SCHEDULE
UPDATED: 25 AUGUST 2020**

Decision Date	Item	Scrutiny Recommendation	Completion date for actions	Action/Response Completed	Further action required by Scrutiny
29/10/19	Youth Justice Plan	<p>1. That the Deputy Leader explores if further measures can be taken to identify Council apprenticeship opportunities for young people involved in the youth justice system and engage the wider business community in similar initiatives such as job fairs.</p> <p>2. That the involvement of service users in offering awareness raising in schools and/or peer support to other young offenders or those at risk of offending, be explored.</p>		<p>Chased 17 June</p> <p>Chased 6 July</p> <p>Information provided in report to ILSC on 28 July</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>	ILSC to agree any further actions.
03/03/20	Early Help and Social Care Pathway	That an update be provided to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission on the implementation and use of the Liquid Logic case management system.		<p>Requested and written briefing will be circulated.</p> <p>Chased 17 June</p> <p>Chased 6 July</p> <p>Written information provided to Chair. Briefing for members being arranged.</p>	
Decision	Item	Scrutiny Recommendation	Completion date	Action/Response	Further action

**IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS – IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING SCHEDULE
 UPDATED: 25 AUGUST 2020**

Date			for actions	Completed	required by Scrutiny
16/06/20	Domestic Abuse Response during pandemic	That up to date figures on Domestic Abuse Incidents, Domestic Abuse Response (referrals) and Domestic Abuse Commissioned Service Caseloads be circulated to the members of the Improving Lives Select Commission in four weeks' time.	Mid July 2020	Chased 6 July Chased 13 August Circulated 25 August COMPLETED	
16/06/20	Domestic Abuse Response during pandemic	That information on the number of Domestic Abuse incidents and referrals for support services relating to male victims of Domestic Abuse during the pandemic. be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.	June 2020	Chased 6 July Chased 13 August Circulated 25 August COMPLETED	
28/07/20	LAC Sufficiency	That a summary of the meeting with the National House Project be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.	August 2020	Information circulated 3 August Completed	
28/07/20	YOT Progress Report	That further information on the Mentors in Violence programme be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.	August 2020	Information circulated 29 July Completed	
28/07/20	YOT Progress Report	That a more detailed narrative in regard to table 13a of the Youth	August 2020		

**IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS – IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING SCHEDULE
UPDATED: 25 AUGUST 2020**

		Offending Performance Report, as included in the agenda pack, be circulated to the members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.			
--	--	--	--	--	--

Sub and Project Group Work

Updated: 20 July 2020

Project	Details	Status
<p>One off spotlight review involving the Youth Cabinet and off camera to understand the impact of school closures due to COVID19 on Rotherham pupils.</p>	<p>To specifically involve and look at the impact on those who would have sat exams this year and bring back the YOT specifically to check progress of recommendations made last year and to seek assurances around a changing demand due to the apparent decrease in numbers of first time young offenders and the increase in the complex nature of a this reduced cohort of young offenders.</p>	<p>To schedule</p> <p>July 2020 - Work has started on how to facilitate this and how to engage with and involve young people in Rotherham</p>
<p>CSE – post abuse support (task and finish to feed into commissioning process)</p>	<p>Task and finish group established. Interviews undertaken with 3 local authorities (July/August 2019)</p>	<p>March 2020 – Resolved to reform group to feed into rescheduled process for creating the needs analysis.</p> <p>April 2020 - Needs Analysis to be shared with committee members.</p> <p>Needs analysis at June 2020 OSMB and Cabinet.</p> <p>Next steps for scrutiny to be established.</p> <p>Scope to be drafted.</p>

<p>Domestic Abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Homicide Review • Stalking and Harassment • Domestic Abuse Service Principles 	<p>Referral from OSMB and January 2019 ILSC</p>	<p>To schedule (awaiting update from Home Office on domestic homicide).</p> <p>To agree actions to complete the review.</p>
<p>Lifestyle Survey</p>	<p>Report to subgroup in January 2020</p>	<p>To arrange a meeting for January 2021 to receive the latest survey.</p>
<p>Food Poverty/Holiday Hunger</p>		<p>In scoping stage.</p> <p>20 July 2020: Update meeting with Cllr Allen, Chair, Vice-Chair, Sally Hodges, Judith Hurcombe and David McWilliams held July 2020. Next steps agreed, work to commence imminently.</p>
<p>Early Help Offer</p>	<p>Resolved in October 2019</p> <p>That a sub-group be established to undertake further scrutiny of the early help offer.</p>	<p>Report on Early Help and Social Care Pathway received in March.</p> <p>Early Help Review – use ISOS document to scope – must involve triangulation of qualitative data through speaking with partners and front-line staff.</p> <p>29 July 2020: Scope circulated to members for expressions of interest.</p>
<p>Court Procedures (pre-proceedings)</p>	<p>Resolved on 30/04/19 - To scrutinise if progress/milestones are being reached – follow on from earlier work</p>	<p>Spotlight review to be scheduled</p>

Safeguarding Adults report Safeguarding Children report	Deferred from December 2019	Reports being circulated. Once received to determine further action. Safeguarding Adults report circulated 22 June 2020
--	-----------------------------	--