

## IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION

- Date and Time :-** Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 10.00 a.m.
- Venue:-** Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.
- Membership:-** Councillors Pitchley (Chair), Cooksey (Vice Chair), Andrews, Aveyard, Bacon, Barley, Browne, T Collingham, Z Collingham, Elliott, Griffin, Haleem, Jones, Hughes, Khan, Mills, Monk, Singleton andThompson

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### AGENDA

**There will be a pre-meeting for all members of the Improving Lives Select Commission at 9:15am**

**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 21 December 2021 (Pages 3 - 10)**

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 December 2021 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. Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board - Annual Report (Pages 11 - 38)**

**8. Work Programme (Pages 39 - 53)**

To consider and approve the Commission's Work Programme.

**9. Improving Lives Select Commission - Sub and Project Group Updates (Page 55)**

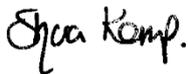
For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the activity regarding sub and project groups of the he Improving Lives Select Commission.

**10. Urgent Business**

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

**11. Date and time of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission take place on Tuesday 8 March 2022 commencing at 10am in Rotherham Town Hall.



Sharon Kemp,  
Chief Executive.

**IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday 21 December 2021**

Present: - Councillor Cooksey (Vice-Chair in the Chair); Councillors , Andrews, Aveyard, Bacon, Barley, C Carter, Elliott, Griffin, Haleem, Monk, Singleton and Thompson.

Apologies for absence:- Apologies were received from Councillors Browne, Collingham, Hughes, Khan, Pitchley and Wilson.

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**51. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26 OCTOBER 2021**

**Resolved:** - That the Minutes of the meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission, held on 26 October 2021 be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

**52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**53. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items that required the exclusion of the press or public.

**54. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

There were no questions from members of the public or press.

**55. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Vice-Chair provided an update on the issues covered at the most recent meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel.

**56. EDUCATION RECOVERY - EDUCATION REVIEW - 2020/21 ACADEMIC YEAR**

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services and the Assistant Director – Education attended the meeting to provide a presentation on how the Education service had been working to deliver the education recovery in the Borough during the 2020/21 Academic Year. The report also provided an overview of activity and a review of key areas of education across the Borough in the current academic year including Elective Home Education.

The Assistant Director - Education made a presentation that provided information on:

- Early Years provision.
- Primary and Secondary education provision, including recovery activity and the ongoing impact of the pandemic.
- the activity that had been carried out by the Rotherham Education Strategic Partnership to address the challenges across the education system created by the pandemic.
- the work that had been carried out in engaging with school leaders across the Borough to drive forward the education recovery.
- School attendance during 2020/21 and how it had been impacted by large numbers of children and young people isolating due to Covid-19.
- the Rotherham Inclusion Pathway.
- Elective Home Education and the increase in numbers of children and young people being home educated, the challenges that this presented, and the action being taken to address these challenges.
- the engagement activity that had been carried out with parents and carers.
- the surveys that had been carried out with pupils across the Borough on the impact of the pandemic and the activity being carried out as a result of the information gathered.

The Assistant Director provided information on the key challenges with regard to delivery of the education recovery across the Borough including:

- the increasing number of pupils and students with Social Emotional and Mental Health needs.
- the impact on School leaders and staff wellbeing as they faced the daily uncertainty of staffing levels in schools.
- the impact of staff absence on the delivery of catch-up interventions.
- ensuring that the breadth of the curriculum was not reduced for the most vulnerable pupils as they attended reading, writing or maths catch-up activities.
- ensuring that pupils and students who were self-isolating had the opportunity to keep up with their studies.
- the long-term impact of the pandemic on the education of vulnerable children and young people.
- the development on social interaction skills in early years as children learnt to interact with others after long periods of isolation from children and adults outside of their immediate family.
- the lack of assessment for primary children that had inhibited the understanding of the impact of the pandemic on educational attainment and progress of children and young people throughout the education system.
- notwithstanding the impact of the pandemic on school improvement, the need to increase the number of schools judged by Ofsted as being good or better.

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services noted her concerns around the lack of formal assessments that had been able to be carried and how this impacted on the ability of schools to measure the progress that pupils had made. The Cabinet Member also expressed her concern around young people who had received centre assessed GSCE and A Level grades and how the related grade inflation may be perceived negatively by potential employers.

The Cabinet Member noted the Year of Reading that was currently taking place across the Borough and encouraged all members to get involved with activities in their local areas.

Members asked for further information around the use of supply teachers during the pandemic and whether there had been sufficient numbers available in order to ensure that catch-up activities in English and Maths were delivered. The Assistant Director advised that ensuring access to high quality supply provision had been challenging but advised that retired teachers had been encouraged to return to the classroom in order to increase the number of staff available to cover absences.

Members noted the concerns that had been detailed in the presentation regarding the disproportionately negative impact that the pandemic had had on already disadvantaged children and young people and asked for further information on what was being done to address this. The Assistant Director advised that during periods of "lockdown" that it had been a key priority to ensure that the most disadvantaged pupils had access to the full school offer in order as far as possible to mitigate the impact on their learning. The Assistant Director noted however that not all disadvantaged pupils had attended school during periods of lockdown and advised that these pupils, along with all disadvantaged pupils were a priority for schools in the delivery of their catch-up activities. The Assistant Director also noted the numerous education recovery projects across the Borough that aimed to support the most disadvantaged children catch-up with their learning.

Members noted the impact of parent/carer anxiety during the pandemic and the impact that this had on school attendance with parents/carers not sending their children to school. Members asked how this situation was being managed in order to ensure that all children attended school. The Assistant Director advised that parent/carer anxiety about the sending their children to school was managed and reduced by ensuring clear channels of communication between the school and parents/carers that provided timely, clear and consistent messaging, as poor communication and unclear messaging acted to increase anxiety for parents/carers and consequently impacted on pupil absences.

Members noted their concern about the growing numbers of children in receipt of Elective Home Education and asked that a report be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission on the impact of the revised Elective Home Education Policy that had been introduced in

2021.

Members asked for further information around the concerns that had been expressed in the presentation and by the Cabinet Member around the impact on centre assessed grades for the young people who had been subject to this method of assessment. The Assistant Director noted that an area of particular concern was around young people transitioning to Further Education and how the gaps in their learning would impact on that transition. The Assistant Director advised that it was currently difficult to assess the full impact and how long this impact would last across all cohorts of children on their education and subsequent life chances. The Assistant Director confirmed that this uncertainty was a significant challenge that would need to be addressed.

Members noted their approval for the wide ranging Covid Surveys that had been carried out with children and young people across the Borough in order to gather their experiences of the pandemic and how it had impacted on their lives and education. Members noted their concern on the number of children and young people who had stated in the surveys that that had felt were unable to ask for the help that they needed and asked how this issue would be addressed. The Assistant Director noted that there would have been a wide range of reasons why children and young people had stated this but assured members that the level and amount of support that was available in schools to support children and young people had increased greatly since the start of the pandemic. The Assistant Director assured members that the findings from the surveys had been shared with schools so that action could be taken to address areas of concern that the surveys had highlighted. The Assistant Director advised that in the light of the pandemic that the Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs of pupils was an area of particular focus for schools with schools increasing levels of pastoral support to support the needs of their pupils.

Members noted the phonics assessments that had been taken in primary schools and noted with concern the gap in attainment in these tests between children who were in receipt of free school meals and those who were not. Members asked what action was being addressed this gap in attainment. The Assistant Director confirmed that phonics was a national priority, and that additional support was being provided in schools to those pupils who required extra support as part of the programme of catch-up activities. The Assistant Director advised that attainment in phonics testing had been impacted by the lack of socialisation and the development of social skills by children who had spent a substantial part of their life isolated from adults and children outside of their family group. The Assistant Director advised that full details on the phonics assessments would be circulated to members as soon as the final results had been validated.

The Vice-Chair thanked the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services and the Assistant Director – Education for attending the

meeting and answering member questions.

**Resolved: -**

1. That the report be noted.
2. That information detailing the results of the phonics testing carried out with Year 2 children across the Borough be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission once available.
3. That a briefing note be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission on the impact of the revised Elective Home Education Policy.

**57. IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION PROJECT GROUP REPORT ON POST CSE SUPPORT SERVICES**

Councillor Clark attended the meeting to present a report on post-CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) support that had been carried out by a sub-group of the Improving Lives Select Commission.

The sub-group had consisted of Councillors Victoria Cusworth, Councillor Maggi Clark and Councillor Jenny Andrews. It was noted that during the period of the review that Councillor Cusworth had been Chair of the Improving Lives Select Commission. Councillor Cusworth, who had been a member of the sub-group was in attendance at the meeting for this item to support Councillor Clark answer member questions about the review and its recommendations.

In introducing the report Councillor Clark thanked all of those who had been involved in the review including officers, officers and elected members at the other local authorities that the sub-group had spoken to and the representatives of the providers of the commissioned services that they had met with.

Councillor Clark emphasised that the purpose of the review had been to gain assurance on the services that were in place in Rotherham to support survivors of CSE rather than the historical or current issues of CSE in Rotherham and the Council's response to CSE in the Borough.

Councillor Clark detailed the circumstances and context that that had led to the formation of the sub-group to scrutinise post-CSE support in Rotherham.

The report noted that in summer 2016 the Council had commissioned support services for young people and adults who had experienced child sexual exploitation, with these additional services acting to supplement the core support offer that was available to any adult who had ongoing support needs provided by the Council through its Adult Safeguarding

provision. It was noted that the contracted arrangements had ran from 1 July 2016 to 31 March 2019 with an option to extend for a further two years, with the contract being extended until 31 December 2020.

The report stated that to inform the imminent re-commissioning of services, members of the Improving Lives Select Commission had conducted a short benchmarking exercise during August 2019 on the services provided by other local authorities to support survivors of CSE. The results of this exercise had subsequently been fed into the development of a needs analysis that had been used to underpin the anticipated re-commissioning process. Councillor Clark advised that because of circumstances beyond the Council's control the commissioning process had been delayed and that due to the extension to timescales, members of the sub-group agreed that further work should be undertaken to enhances its review and to gain further assurance about the level of support offered to survivors of CSE in Rotherham. Councillor Clark noted that it had been resolved at the meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission held on 3 March 2020 that the benchmarking work should be resumed, with the results detailed in standalone scrutiny report on post-CSE support and the delivery of commissioned support services.

Councillor Clark advised that in conducting the review that the sub-group had met with senior officers, officers and elected members at other local authorities who were responsible for managing post-CSE support as well as the providers of the commissioned services in Rotherham. Councillor Clark advised that this work had enabled the sub-group to establish a sound understanding of the services that were being delivered in Rotherham to support survivors of CSE and how these compared to services provided elsewhere. Councillor Clark noted that prior to the review that they had not felt that they were fully informed about the level of support that was provided to survivors in Rotherham.

Members took the opportunity to ask Councillors Clark and Cusworth several questions regarding scope of the review, the methods of research used and on the recommendations that had been made. Members sought particular assurance that the "voice of the survivor" had been considered throughout the review. Councillors Clark and Cusworth assured members that from the discussions that had been held with the providers of the commissioned services, who had extensive experience of working with survivors that the "voice of the survivor" that they had utilised their professional skills and expertise to access and to learn from the voices of survivors.

The Vice-Chair thanked Councillors Cusworth and Clark for presenting the report to members and for their hard work in conducting the extensive member led scrutiny review.

**Resolved: -**

- 1) That the report be noted, and the following recommendations be submitted to OSMB and Cabinet for approval: -
  - a) That post-CSE services are transferred to the Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health directorate to enable the greater integration and coordination of support pathways that are available to adult victims of trauma as children.
  - b) That further work is undertaken with relevant partners and survivors to improve the ways in which survivors' voices are captured to inform future reviews of post-abuse services (for example drawing on the research from Sheffield Hallam University, the development of voice and influence groups or other survivor's forums).
  - c) That consideration is given to appropriate governance arrangements to enable elected members to provide a steer on the activity that is taking place within the Borough to stop CSE/CCE and support survivors. d) That the Improving Lives Select Commission continue to monitor the provision of post-abuse support to survivors of CSE.
  - d) In relation to recommendations c) and d), that consideration is given how survivors' voices to inform these processes.
  - e) To emphasise the shared responsibility of all elected members, that an annual training event/workshop is delivered. This is to ensure that all elected members are kept up to date with the activity within the Borough to protect young people from being at risk of harm from CSE/CCE and support adult survivors to move forwards in their lives.
  - f) That the relevant Strategic Directors explore options for sharing best practice with other local authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber Region.
  - g) Drawing on the good practice from Durham County Council, that consideration is given is given to the language used in the provision of post-CSE support to ensure that it is positive and inclusive of the needs of those accessing services.
- 2) That the response of Cabinet to the recommendations be reported back to Council within two calendar months of its submission.

**58. WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered its Work Programme.

**Resolved:** - That the Work Programme for 2020/21 be approved.

**59. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

**60. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:** - That the next meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission take place on Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 10am at Rotherham Town Hall.

# IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMITTEE

25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022.



Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board

Annual Report 2020/21

Ian Spicer – RSAB Member for Adult Social Care

# ROTHERHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD PRIORITIES

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Prevention and Early Intervention

Making Safeguarding Personal

Quality Assurance

Service User Engagement

# ACHIEVEMENTS 2020/21



- Online bespoke training was commissioned on Making Safeguarding Personal
- The RSAB Policy for Self Neglect and Hoarding was launched.
- Safeguarding Adults Review, SAR David published March 2021
- Safeguarding Awareness Week November 2020. Adults and Children's Safeguarding were able to deliver an online Awareness Week offering over 40 online sessions across the partnership

# COMMON THEMES



- In March 2021 a Partnership Board session was held on the topic of Mental Health and a simple plan and roadmap to provide clarity on shared ambitions, service offer, and roles/responsibilities is being developed. Domestic Abuse. Working with SRP and Children's to ensure shared learning

# FUTURE



- SAR action plans and shared learning across the Partnership
- Focus on Self–Neglect and Hoarding – Partnership working, raising awareness and developing new ways of working
- Continue to develop joint working with Community Safety and Children’s Partnership, sharing learning and training

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People of Rotherham are able to live a life free from harm where all organisations and communities

- Keeping people safe from abuse is everyone's business
- Work together to prevent abuse
- Knows what to do when abuse happens



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2020/21

## INTRODUCTION BY MOIRA WILSON

Rotherham Safeguarding Adults  
Board Independent Chair



**I am pleased to present Rotherham's Safeguarding Board Annual Report for 2020/21.**

**The past year has been one of unprecedented challenge as we tackled the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on all aspects of**

**our lives. Throughout the year partners have worked tirelessly to keep people safe, support each other and adapt to new ways of working.**

Inevitably there have been some changes to delivery of our strategic plans as resources were focussed on supporting the most vulnerable people through the pandemic.

Nevertheless, as this annual report shows, the Board and its subgroups has continued to meet regularly via Microsoft Teams to ensure that the vital work of safeguarding continues and we both support and challenge each other to improve practice.

I was particularly pleased that we were able to move Safeguarding Awareness Week in November 2020 onto a virtual platform, with many more people being able to access training and workshop sessions than would have been the case in person. We will continue to build on the opportunities that new ways of working have given us, as well as recognising the importance of face to face contact in vital aspects of safeguarding work.

As this annual report is published, we are looking forward to continuing to work together to deliver our strategic priorities of:

- prevention and early intervention
- making safeguarding personal
- assuring the quality of our safeguarding work across Rotherham
- actively working with people who use our services to hear their feedback and learn from their experiences

I would like to thank all partner members for their continued support and contribution to the Board's work, both during the past most challenging of years and into the future.

## MESSAGE FROM Cllr DAVID ROCHE

Chair of the Health and  
Wellbeing Board



**Welcome to the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020/21.**

Looking back on the year 2020/21 we faced challenges never experienced before and safeguarding the most vulnerable in our society became even more important. All of the Safeguarding Board partners faced pressures never experienced before and still the priority of "Safeguarding is everyone business" remained the top priority and so the years annual report is gratefully received by me and all of the partners of the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment of all the board partners including the statutory, independent and voluntary community sector who continued to work together to deliver on the day-to-day business of safeguarding during a year never experienced before. Safeguarding requires strong partnership working and last year definitely proved that here in Rotherham we have a safeguarding board that will work together to safeguard its citizens and to continue to raise awareness of safeguarding.

Thank you all.

Recognise. Respond. Report.

# Keeping people safe from abuse is everyone's business

## RECOGNISE • RESPOND • REPORT

**The Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board works to protect adults with care and support needs from abuse and neglect.**

The RSAB's objective is to ensure that local safeguarding arrangements and partnerships act to help and protect adults at risk or experiencing neglect and/or abuse.

The RSAB is a multi-agency strategic, rather than operational, partnership made up of senior/lead officers within adult social services, criminal justice, health, housing, community safety, voluntary organisations.

It coordinates the strategic development of adult safeguarding across Rotherham and ensures the effectiveness of the work undertaken by Partner Agencies in the area. The Rotherham Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board ('RSAB') aims to achieve those objectives whilst supporting individuals in maintaining control over their lives and in making informed choices without coercion.

### Who is at risk?

**An adult at risk is someone who is aged 18 or over who:**

- Has needs for care and support
- Is experiencing or is at risk of abuse or neglect, and is unable to protect themselves

### What is abuse?

**Abuse can be:**

- Something that happens once
- Something that happens repeatedly
- A deliberate act
- Something that was unintentional, perhaps due to a lack of understanding
- A crime

**Abuse can happen anywhere, at any time and be caused by anyone including**

- A partner or relative
- A friend or neighbour
- A paid or volunteer carer
- Other service users
- Someone in a position of trust
- A stranger

### Types of abuse:

#### **Physical abuse**

Hitting, kicking, punching, inappropriate restraint.

#### **Domestic violence or abuse**

Psychological, physical, verbal, sexual, financial or emotional abuse by a current or former partner or family member.

#### **Organisational or institutional abuse**

Poor treatment in a care setting.

#### **Financial or material abuse**

Theft, fraud, misuse of someone else's finances.

#### **Sexual abuse**

Being made to take part in a sexual activity without consent.

#### **Discriminatory abuse**

Harassment based on age, gender, sexuality, disability, race or religion.

#### **Neglect or acts of omission**

Failure to provide care or support.

#### **Psychological and emotional abuse**

Shouting, ridiculing, or bullying.

#### **Modern slavery**

Human trafficking and forced labour.

#### **Self-neglect**

Declines essential care support needs, impacting on their overall wellbeing



**Doing nothing is not an option!**

# ROTHERHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS REVIEW of 2020/21

The Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB) held its first meeting of 2020/21 on the 17th May 2020 and all board members were able to meet via the virtual platform of Microsoft Teams and this was to be the way we would meet for the rest of the year and into 21/22. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, virtual meetings have now become the norm for the board and all the subgroups and even when a technical issue may arise, all our members have continued to support the work of the RSAB.

As many of our partners faced unprecedented work pressures and faced the daily challenges of frontline working to protect the most vulnerable in our society, safeguarding had never been more important. Regular meetings were organized to ensure that safeguarding was business as usual and help and advice was available to all partners.

All face-to-face training was cancelled and it would be several months until we could resume with a virtual training package that the partnership could access. Safeguarding Awareness Week had originally been planned for July 2020, so the decision was made to postpone until November 2020. Safeguarding Awareness Week 2020 was a joint venture with Rotherham Children's Partnership and Safer Rotherham Partnership, during the 16th until the 20th of November an extensive range of training and awareness sessions were available via virtual platforms to all of the safeguarding partnership. Training on self-neglect and hoarding, making safeguarding personal and trauma resilience were just a few of the sessions available and the South Yorkshire Working Together Group offered a full day training event on transitional safeguarding.

The RSAB launched the Self-neglect and Hoarding Policy and Procedure, and they continue to offer training sessions to embed the policy and to ensure that everyone is comfortable using and following the procedure. The policy was given

high praise by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue services who said it was an easy to follow and concise document.

People in Positions of Trust (PiPoT) Policy was also launched in November 2020, the statutory guidance to the Care Act 2014 requires Safeguarding Adults Boards to establish and agree a framework and process to respond to allegations against anyone who works (either paid or unpaid) with adults with care and support needs. Awareness sessions were held during Awareness Week and further sessions will continue throughout the year.

With the change from face-to-face training to virtual training the RSAB began the task of commissioning a new training provider that could offer a full range of safeguarding training online. Late 2020 we commissioned the services of Breaking the Cycle whose online training courses were made available from March 2021 and positive feedback has received from attendees regarding their course delivery.



## The priorities for the board for 2020/21 were:

Priority	Resulting Action
<p>Joined up partnership working to target areas of service to improve awareness and guidance for service users and staff.</p>	<p>Safeguarding Awareness Week 2020 saw the Adults and Children’s Safeguarding Partnerships work alongside the Safer Rotherham Partnership to deliver training and awareness sessions. Over 40 virtual sessions were on offer to all colleagues across Rotherham.</p> <p>In March 2021 a Partnership Board session was held on the topic of Mental Health and a simple plan and roadmap to provide clarity on shared ambitions, service offer, and roles/ responsibilities is being developed.</p>
<p>Ensure training and learning materials, guides and toolkits are available to partners to fully support Making Safeguarding Personal agenda.</p>	<p>The work to embed the Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) principles has carried on throughout 2020/21. Bespoke training was commissioned and delivered and will be recommissioned in the year ahead to ensure we continue on our MSP journey.</p>
<p>Monitor and assure the governance and effectiveness of the Adult Safeguarding Board.</p>	<p>The Adults and Children’s safeguarding partnership requested all partners refreshed their self-assessment submissions. Challenge meetings were held to discuss safeguarding arrangements and identify where improvements and changes could be suggested.</p> <p>The board received reports of case file audits carried out by the Performance and Quality subgroup, the audits reported on safeguarding cases that had been recorded as “no further action” and that had been recorded as a safeguarding concern. The report identified training and work needed to improve the quality and recording of safeguarding.</p>
<p>Ensure RSAB’s Communication Strategy is relevant, up to date and effective and has community involvement.</p>	<p>Communication during 2020/21 was mostly of a virtual nature and our face-to-face involvement and consultation was inevitably affected. The work to refresh the communication strategy will be carried out during 2021/22 to include the refresh of the website and launch of a electronic newsletter and partnership briefings.</p>

**The Safeguarding Adults Board has four subgroups to ensure the board priorities are delivered. The subgroups each have a work plan and during 2020/21 they were able to deliver the following specific pieces of work:**

### Performance and Quality Subgroup

Priority	Resulting Action
Develop a quarterly performance report that will inform the board of safeguarding activity across Rotherham.	The Performance and Quality subgroup worked with the Rotherham Council performance team to produce a performance report that presented data under the heading Proportionality, Prevention, Partnership, Accountability, Protection and Empowerment the six principles of safeguarding.
Work with the partners of the Safeguarding Board to re-refresh the safeguarding self-assessment for the planned challenge meetings in June 2021. The self-assessment is a joint exercise with the Children's Safeguarding Partnership.	The Safeguarding self-assessment was completed in March 2021 in preparation for the challenge meeting that will happen in June 2021. The Performance and Quality subgroup will monitor the action plans developed by the partners that involve work with adults.

### Workforce Development

Priority	Resulting Action
Commission a range of training packages that deliver a multi-agency approach to safeguarding and respond to highlighted gaps in training by exploring bespoke training packages.	<p>Covid-19 impacted on training and face to face training was suspended.</p> <p>RSAB commissioned virtual training packages to deliver training that was highlighted as an urgent need, this included self-neglect and hoarding, and inherent jurisdiction.</p> <p>In November 2020, the RSAB commissioned the company Breaking the Cycle to deliver Safeguarding Training for the partnership. Training is available for all partners to book and is advertised across the RSAB partnership.</p>
Ensure training and learning materials, guides and toolkits are available to partners to fully support Making Safeguarding Personal agenda.	<p>Making Safeguarding Personal Training was commissioned to by the Workforce Development subgroup and delivered during Safeguarding Awareness Week 2020.</p> <p>A seven-minute briefing has been developed and is available to the partnership.</p>

## Policy and Practice

Priority	Resulting Action
<p>Develop guidance for the Safeguarding Partnership on People in Positions of Trust PiPoT.</p> <p>Raise awareness and ensure that all partners have guidance in place to deal with PiPoT.</p>	<p>The RSAB PiPoT policy was launched during Safeguarding Awareness Week November 2020. The Policy and Practice subgroup work with all partners to ensure PiPoT leads and guidance are in place in each organisation.</p>
<p>Develop a Self-neglect and Hoarding Policy and Procedure that delivers a partnership approach to working.</p>	<p>The Rotherham Self-Neglect and Hoarding Policy and Procedure was developed with all partners and was launched in November 2020 during Safeguarding Awareness Week.</p> <p>The Policy has been praised by partners as being easy to work with.</p>

## Safeguarding Adults Review

Priority	Resulting Action
<p>The SAR subgroup commissioned two SAR's during 20/21 and one SAR named David was published March 2021.</p>	<p>SAR David was completed and signed off by the RSAB in January 2021, the report was published on the RSAB website in March 2021 and share across the partnership to disseminate withing their organisations.</p> <p>The SAR involved self-neglect and the effect that the lack of face to face involvement had during Covid-19.</p>

**The safeguarding board will continue to meet on a quarterly basis and this may be via a virtual platform or with the reintroduction of face to face meetings, the executive group and all four of the subgroups will also continue with business as usual and meet regularly to ensure the work of the board continues throughout 2021/22.**

Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board will ensure that any unfinished actions from the second year of strategic objectives that were affected by Covid-19 are completed in year 3. The subgroups will be focusing on the third year of the strategic plan during 2021/22 and will want to assure the board that all aims set out in the 3-year plan are well underway to being complete as planned.

Service user engagement has always been a challenge to the RSAB and many other boards and this will be a focus for the four South Yorkshire adult boards to come together and share experience and learning from practice across Yorkshire and Humber. The Working Together Training Partnership will facilitate a customer engagement event to share ideas and good practice that will help the RSAB deliver on the strategic aim of improving customer engagement.

The year ahead will see the safeguarding partnership delivering a full training package that will be offered as online learning and they will reconsider the possibility of face-to-face training in 2022.

Safeguarding Awareness Week will be held in November 2021 and will deliver training and awareness sessions in collaboration with the Children's Safeguarding Partnership, Safer Rotherham Partnership and all of the partner agencies across Rotherham.

Work will continue to promote the Self Neglect and Hoarding Policy and Procedure to ensure all our colleagues are aware and able to use the policy when needed. We will ensure that all learning for Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) is shared across the partnership and we will explore different ways of ensuring the recommendations made by the authors are embedded in practice. The SAR subgroup will closely monitor all recommendations and action plans and report to the board on progress made and outstanding actions. It is important that all safeguarding adult reviews are used to improve and inform services and the lessons learnt in previous SARs are built upon and are evident in practice.



## Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board – Aspiring to be the Best that we can be Strategic Plan 2019 to 2022

Our Strategic Priorities	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<p><b>PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION</b></p> <p>Working with partners to develop preventative strategies that work to reduce the risk of abuse and neglect.</p>	<p>Continue to strengthen links and work closely with all partners to provide assurance that the preventative strategies are effective via self-assessment and joint learning events.</p>	<p>Joined up partnership working to target areas of service to improve awareness and guidance for service users and staff.</p>	<p>Develop methods of sharing and embedding learning for reviews and lessons learnt.</p>
<p><b>MAKING SAFEGUARDING PERSONAL</b></p> <p>Continue to develop and assess the effectiveness of MSP, ensuring a high quality, personalised safeguarding response as the norm in Rotherham.</p>	<p>Ensure that all partners are working with the Making Safeguarding Personal agenda and delivering a person centred approach to safeguarding with appropriate use of advocacy.</p>	<p>Ensure training and learning materials, guides and toolkits are available to partners to fully support Making Safeguarding Personal agenda.</p>	<p>Work with national guidance to measure the effectiveness and impact of MSP to ensure Rotherham are 'getting it right'.</p>
<p><b>QUALITY ASSURANCE</b></p> <p>Ensure the quality of Safeguarding within Rotherham is timely and proportionate and individual's outcomes are realistically achieved.</p>	<p>Continue to develop a robust audit programme and capture intelligence data to shape service provision.</p>	<p>Monitor and assure the governance and effectiveness of the Adult Safeguarding Board.</p>	<p>Commission a Peer Review of the Rotherham Safeguarding Board.</p>
<p><b>SERVICE USER ENGAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Full and real user involvement across all service groups. Bring the voice of the service user to the board.</p>	<p>Develop ways of gaining the views of people who have experienced and worked with the safeguarding service.</p>	<p>Ensure RSAB's Communication Strategy is relevant, up to date and effective and has community involvement.</p>	<p>Engage with networking events across the borough and South Yorkshire to share and learn from peers.</p>

# KEY PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS 2020/2021

The partners of the Safeguarding board all have a responsibility to help deliver the priorities that are set out in the strategic plan. Each partner has provided evidence to how they deliver the four priorities of the Board. Here are some examples of the good practice, learning and customer stories that ensure that the Rotherham Safeguarding Partnership is committed to working together to safeguard its citizens and to continue to raise awareness of safeguarding.

## Rotherham Council

### Making Safeguarding Personal

Rotherham Council have worked with the Performance and Quality subgroup of the board to carry out case file audits, the purpose was to highlight the use of Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) during a safeguarding investigation. Results were positive and evidence was that safeguarding practice considered the views and wishes of the person being safeguarded. Recent performance data taken shows that there is an improvement in numbers asked and expressing outcomes and wishes as part of MSP, 100 per cent of those who do set outcomes are recorded as being fully or partially met. Person-centred care means working together with the individual to plan their care and support to meet their unique needs. This cuts down the risk of negative, unfair or harmful treatment and neglect. The individual is put at the centre, able to choose and control how they want their care and support to be delivered.

Rotherham Council will be introducing an exit style questionnaire for people exiting safeguarding and are working with the board and Absolute Advocacy to develop an easy read questionnaire to gain a fuller and richer picture of peoples experience of safeguarding. We will use these findings to work with the board and partners to ensure all safeguarding services have the person at the centre and we are listening to the voice of the person.

Mavis and her son were referred to Safeguarding following concerns regarding self-neglect, concerns about the son not meeting his mums care needs. Domiciliary service support was offered and following liaison with housing more suitable housing was identified that would give Mavis the opportunity to be more independent. Ongoing work was completed and identified that Mavis's son was reluctant to engage with professionals and support was required to ensure GP appointments, medication ordered, benefits claimed and prompting to maintain cleanliness in the property. Mavis and her son have a very close relationship and are inter dependent. she is very independent and reluctant to accept help with her personal care. On the surface there are concerns that her son does not meet her care needs however it is clear from the outcome of the safeguarding he did not have the skills and historically this is the way they have always lived.

The services involved are now more understanding of this and realise the importance of working with both Mavis and her son to support Mavis with her care needs and the physical environment they live in.

## Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust:

### Customer Engagement

Our safeguarding concern forms encourage staff to include the wishes of the patient and/or their family (where appropriate). We also have the 'Your opinion counts' forms to capture the views of patients and visitors.

Our Patient Experience Team regularly monitor the responses received from the Y.O.C forms as well as taking calls from patients and visitors. This is monitored through our Trust Governance arrangements.

TRFT has several policies in place to support our staff in safeguarding people at risk of abuse and neglect.

Our policies are reviewed regularly to ensure that they are compliant with current legislation and support staff to discharge their accountability where there are safeguarding concerns.

Our policies cover a wide-range of safeguarding activity, including modern slavery, domestic abuse, honour violence and self-neglect.

During Covid, the Trust has continued to prioritise safeguarding by developing a blended-learning approach to enable staff to access training through a variety of means such as e-learning, 7-minute briefings, one-to-one support and group sessions.



## NHS Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group – RCCG

### Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)

NHS Rotherham CCG safeguarding team strive to work in partnership with the voluntary and statutory organisations, making safeguarding personal and embedding that principle into all our work streams. 7-minute briefings for MSP, Professional Curiosity and Safeguarding Adults have been produced and shared for increased knowledge and embedding into practice.

On 1st February 2021 NHS Rotherham CCG hosted a training event with DAC Beachcroft focusing on the key changes introduced by legislation for the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS). The new LPS regime will significantly change the process for authorising deprivation of liberty across all health and social care settings.

All, including CCG's will have a wider responsibility. The session focused on:

- What will the new process involve?
- The role of CCGs, hospitals and local authorities in authorising deprivations of liberty as the new 'responsible bodies'
- What you need to do now to get ready.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist my community and the NHS.

A Governing Body training session took place on 3rd March 2021 and a further multi-agency session is planned for February 2022 prior to full implementation.

NHS Rotherham CCG Safeguarding Team revises provider safeguarding standards annually. These standards are monitored within contracting and performance as part of quality and assurance. The safeguarding standards cover a vast array of legislative responsibilities from Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 and the Care Act 2014 through to the FGM Act 2003. They also include best practice expectations such as person-centred care (Making Safeguarding Personal).

All the staff and volunteers are lovely people. I'd be happy to help you with anything you need in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist my community and the NHS.

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<http://www.rotherhamccg.nhs.uk/annual-report.htm>

## Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDaSH):

### Quality Assurance

- Safeguarding adults audit completed (Trustwide).
- Continued attendance at the Care Group Quality meetings.
- Improved streamlining of safeguarding practice (clinicians completing IR1s where safeguarding issues and actions are identified).
- Safeguarding remains a standing agenda within these meetings.

Within the Rotherham Care Group there has been a shift with safeguarding practice: our wards and clinical areas hold safeguarding practice and a “think family” approach as a top agenda item when engaging with service users. Our in-patient area over the last year have visibly driven a safeguarding culture: they are proactive and horizon scanning safeguarding concerns or issues and have managed highly complex and challenging situations. There is a culture of ‘board to ward’ safeguarding practice; of learning from events such as SAR’s and LLR’s through the use of Quality Meetings.

As Clinical teams have continues to maintain sight of safeguarding issues through the COVID-19 pandemic; staff throughout the Care Group have continued to exercise a high level of vigilance when working with service uses and have continued to seek support, advice and guidance throughout.



## South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (SYFR):

### Customer Engagement

Community Forums take place in each district as a way of engaging with our communities, this enables us to develop positive engagement in the communities we serve.

We regularly review and evaluate feedback we receive. From listening to our feedback, we are able to make changes and improve on the services that we deliver.

Thank you SYFR for saving my life. I am happy to let you help me and now acknowledge that I do need some support.

Thank you for helping me.



### Keep Safe and Well

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue's safe and well scheme has been created to improve the safety and wellbeing of members of the community.

By developing referral partnerships with local organisations we aim to improve the targeting and risk management of people from high risk or excluded groups who may be at an increase risk of fire.

Does your organisation provide services or support to high risk or excluded members of the community?

If so please sign up to our scheme **Safe and Well** Scheme.

- Someone is considered more at risk of fire if they
- Are over 65 years of age
- Live alone
- Have a physical or learning disability
- Have a sensory or cognitive impairment or memory loss
- Take medication that may affect their ability to escape from a fire
- Have a mental health illness
- Have a substance or alcohol dependency
- Are unable to protect themselves from harm for any reason

Please sign up via the website [www.syfire.gov.uk/safe-well](http://www.syfire.gov.uk/safe-well) or email [safe&well@syfire.gov.uk](mailto:safe&well@syfire.gov.uk)

## South Yorkshire Police:

### Prevention and Early Intervention

There are three priorities for policing in Rotherham. They relate to responding quickly and safely to calls for service, dealing effectively with domestic abuse and ensuring victim satisfaction.

A person calling the police in an emergency can and should expect an officer to come to their aid within 15 minutes, and any non-emergency can still expect aid to come to them within 60 minutes. Response times are monitored daily by police and we are consistently hitting targets on 80 per cent of occasions.

Police in Rotherham now consistently take positive action and arrest suspects in around 57 per cent of cases. Recorded domestic abuse, arrest rates and outcomes monitored daily.

A real focus on early intervention linked to Domestic Abuse. For example, the Cease Programme looks to support young victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse through a restorative approach. The aim being to intervene early and prevent an escalation in behaviour/ violence. Referrals monitored on a monthly basis, and feedback from the people referred into the service.

Rotherham Safer Neighbourhoods Service (SNS) comprises of police officers, council staff and a mental health nurse. They are experienced in dealing with those most vulnerable in the community with complex needs. Using numerous pathways, they safeguard and provide long term support to reduce the risk to the individual and demand on services.

This is demonstrated in a case where officers from SYP and Local Authority Environmental Health responded to several reports of anti-social behaviour from an address because of a barking dog. Reports from neighbours stated that the dog was constantly barking day and night and was making their lives a misery.

Officers attended at the address and engaged the occupant. It became apparent that the occupant was suffering with poor mental health and made several references to being suicidal. Local authority officers contacted Safer Neighbourhood Service's supervision who deployed their senior mental health nurse. Following an assessment, the mental health nurse identified that the occupant was indeed suffering. As a result of this assessment the subject is now back into secondary mental health services and has been prescribed new medication. He is now stable and better equipped to deal with daily life.

## Rotherham Voluntary and Community Sector:

The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS), through the Adult Services Consortium, has continued to show its commitment to Adult Safeguarding across the Borough by contributing to the work of the Adult Safeguarding Board via its nominated representatives.

The nominated representative, who is the Chief Executive of Age UK Rotherham, attends the Safeguarding Adults Board to provide a voluntary and community sector perspective on developments. They also provide a liaison function between the wider sector and the Board to keep VCS organisations updated on safeguarding issues and encourage and support their contribution to this important area of work.



## Workforce and development

In 2020/21 the Workforce Development Sub-group felt the effects of Covid19 and the outcome was that all face to face training was cancelled. Work began to find a new training supplier who could deliver a full training package virtually and cover all the necessary elements of safeguarding training that is needed by the partnership. A new supplier was commissioned late 2020 and a training was available from 1st March, the initial training was limited as the subgroup recognised that colleagues were not available do to work pressures to attend training. A full training timetable will be available as we enter into 2021/22 and when work pressures ease allowing attendance figures to increase.

Following requests for specialist training the group commissioned individual training sessions from specific trainers and these courses proved a welcome addition to the safeguarding training program.

Self-Neglect and Hoarding Awareness	75
Mental Capacity Act	75
Inherent Jurisdiction	50
Making Safeguarding Personal	50

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# KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

## A Concern

A Concern is a feeling of anxiety or worry that a Vulnerable Adult may have been, is or might be, a victim of abuse. An alert may arise as a result of a disclosure, an incident, or other signs or indicators.

A total of **2,781** concerns were reported through the new Safeguarding Adults Collection (SAC).

Each concern is looked at and the three-point test is applied.

The safeguarding duties apply to an adult who:

- Has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs)
- Is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect
- As a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.

If the concern does not meet the criteria of the three point test the case may be signposted to a different team such as the complex lives team or maybe a care assessment is needed. We will always ensure the person is safe and not in any danger.

**2,781 Safeguarding Concerns were received in 2020-21**

## Section 42 Enquiry

The Care Act 2014 (Section 42) requires that each local authority must make enquiries, or cause others to do so, if it believes an adult is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect. An enquiry should establish whether any action needs to be taken to prevent or stop abuse or neglect, and if so, by whom.

‘Safeguarding adults’ is the name given to the multi-agency response used to protect adults with care and support needs from abuse and neglect. When an allegation about abuse or neglect has been made, an enquiry is undertaken to find out what, if anything, has happened.

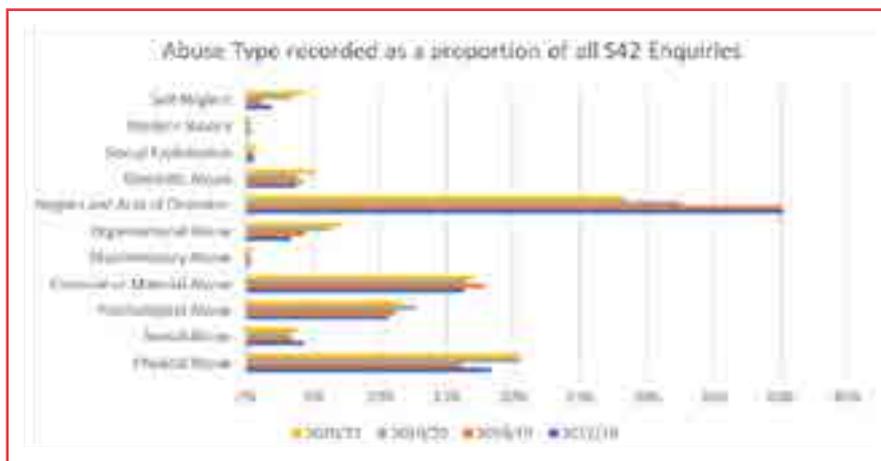
At any point during this investigation a case can exit the safeguarding process.

The subject of the investigation must be aware and, in most cases, agree to the safeguarding enquiry unless they are unable to or a crime has been committed.

### 759 Section 42 enquiries began 2020-21



The chart shows a significant increase in safeguarding concerns received compared to last year with a 73.5 per cent rise, the number of Section 42 enquires carried out during the year is also significantly higher with a 55 per cent increase.



## Decision Making Meeting (DMM)

The DMM will bring all relevant people together to ensure that, if the enquiry continues, the right questions will be asked of the right people. The voice of the person at risk of harm must be heard. Plan the way forward, look at who is best placed to investigate the concern.

This meeting may be held virtually, to ensure it happens in a timely manner.

## Outcomes Meeting

The Outcome meeting will bring all interested parties together including the individual if they wish to attend. Support from friends, advocacy or family is also encouraged. The voice of the person at risk of harm must be heard throughout the meeting and they must be given the opportunity to tell their story.

The meeting will bring the investigation to a conclusion and recommendations must be agreed by all interested parties and timescales and expectations clearly identified.

The chart shows the breakdown in types of abuse recorded over the last four years, with neglect and acts of omission being the largest group of recorded incidents. Neglect and acts of omission covers concerns including

- Failure to provide or allow access to food, shelter, clothing, heating, stimulation and activity, personal or medical care
- Providing care in a way that the person dislikes
- Failure to administer medication as prescribed
- Refusal of access to visitors
- Not taking account of individuals' cultural, religious or ethnic needs
- Not taking account of educational, social and recreational needs
- Ignoring or isolating the person
- Preventing the person from making their own decisions
- Preventing access to glasses, hearing aids, dentures, etc.
- Failure to ensure privacy and dignity

## Safeguarding Adults Review – (SAR)

A Safeguarding Adults Review must be carried out if:

- A Safeguarding Adults Review must be carried out if
- An adult dies (including death by suicide) and abuse or neglect is known or suspected to be a factor in their death. In such circumstances the SAB should always conduct a review into the involvement of agencies and professionals associated with the vulnerable adult.
- An adult has sustained a potentially life-threatening injury through abuse or neglect, serious sexual abuse, or sustained serious and permanent impairment of health or development through abuse or neglect, and the case gives rise to concerns about the way in which local professionals and services work together to safeguard vulnerable adults.
- Serious abuse takes place in an institution or when multiple abusers are involved, the same principles of review apply. Such reviews are, however, likely to be more complex, on a larger scale, and may require more time. Terms of reference need to be carefully constructed to explore the issues relevant to each specific case.

The SAR is commissioned by the SAB and all partners who have had involvement with the subject of the enquiry will be required to participate in the review. The results of the review are published by the SAB in the form of a final report.

### Number of SARs Commissioned 2020-2021

2 SAR's were commissioned in 2020/21.

### Number of SARs Completed 2020-2021

1 SAR was completed in 200/21 Published March 2021

## SAR David

David was a man in his sixties of white British ethnicity. He was known to a number of agencies. He was alcohol dependent, and this impacted on his ability to care for himself. Concerns about David's self-neglect had been identified from 2015 but became more severe from 2017. David's family had a high level of involvement and were deeply concerned about him, regularly seeking help from agencies.

David had four hospital admissions from 2017 until his death, all as a result of self-neglect and in January 2019, David was admitted to hospital in a hypothermic and malnourished state, with severe pressure sores. He was discharged to a nursing care home where he made a good recovery. After a period of reablement, David obtained a new tenancy and his support ended.

Eight months later, David's family again raised concerns about his severe self-neglect and asked for him to receive support. Their understanding was that David was provided with home care support but this was not the case.

Two months later, David's neighbour found him on the floor. His brother believed he had been there for three days. David had not had any involvement from any agency for the last seven weeks. His family had not been able to visit due to Covid pandemic restrictions. David's condition was very poor and he was admitted to hospital where he was in resuscitation for several hours but sadly, he died.

This review examined learning for agencies in working with adults who self-neglect. It considered how agencies worked together and whether there was potential opportunities to avert the tragic circumstance of David's death.

## Recommendations

The RSAB has recently launched new self-neglect policy and procedures. Following this implementation phase, the RSAB should carry out assurance activity to evaluate the difference that these procedures have made. This assurance should include:

- Audit of front-line staff and their knowledge of the new procedures and referral routes
- Feedback from front-line staff regarding strengths/weaknesses of the new procedures and impact on their levels of confidence in working with self-neglect
- Carry out some qualitative sampling of self-neglect cases to evaluate
  - a) the quality of multi-agency practice - ,
  - b) outcomes achieved for adults in accordance with Making Safeguarding Personal
  - c) support and involvement of carers

The sampling should include cases that would be assessed as Level 2 and Level 3 under the procedure risk assessment guidelines (Appendix 1).

- The training that is available to staff to improve their competence in working with self-neglect and their application of the new procedures
- Availability and access to specialist resources such as the Complex Lives team to test capacity to meet the needs of people in the highest risk circumstances

The recommendations will be developed into an action plan that will be monitored by the Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) subgroup until the action plan is completed. All completed action plans are reported back to the board.



# ROTHERHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ATTENDANCE

Date of Safeguarding Adults Board Meeting (excludes e-learning)

	April 2020	July 2020	October 2020	January 2021
South Yorkshire Police	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Rotherham Foundation Trust	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rotherham Council Director of Social Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rotherham Council Childrens Service	Apologies	Apologies	✓	✓
South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue	Apologies	✓	✓	✓
RDaSH	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rotherham Council Services	✓	✓	✓	✓
Healthwatch	Apologies	✓	✓	✓
Voluntary Sector	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies	✓
National Probation Service	✓	✓	Apologies	✓
Community Rehabilitation Company	Apologies	✓	Apologies	Apologies
Cabinet Member for Adults Services	✓	✓	✓	✓

Rotherham Council's Cabinet Member for Adults Services supports the work the Safeguarding Adults Board with a visible presence at events and discussions throughout the year and is provided with monthly updates on all safeguarding adults' issues as well as the work of the board.



## Do you know the signs of adult abuse?



## Recognise • Respond • Report

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 Police non emergency: 101 or emergency: 999

**Keeping people safe from abuse is everyone's business**

**For more information about types of abuse**  
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**Work programme – Improving Lives Select Commission – Updated 11 January 2022**

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Purpose/ Outcomes	Recommendations
15 June 2021	Pause Progress report	Resolved in March 2020 to bring a further report after May 2021.	That the report be noted.
	Work Programme	To consider the committee’s work programme	That the Work Programme be noted and updated as discussed.
	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.	That the report be noted.

27 July 2021	Adult Safeguarding	<p>Resolved at January 2021 meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Independent Chair of the Rotherham Safeguarding Adult's Board attends the July 2021 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission to present a report on how the Board is working to identify and support hidden female victims of violence.</li> <li>2. That the report presented at the July 2021 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission also includes an analysis of cases that resulted in no further action being taken.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report be noted.</li> <li>2. That members of the Improving Lives Select Commission be further consulted on the development of the revised Domestic Abuse Strategy.</li> <li>3. That further information on the number of incidents and their outcomes related to female genital mutilation and so called "honour based" violence be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.</li> <li>4. That further information on work conducted with perpetrators of domestic abuse be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.</li> <li>5. That consideration be given to providing all elected members the opportunity to access an appropriate training session on domestic abuse.</li> </ol>
	Work Programme	To consider the committee's work programme.	That the work programme be approved
	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.	That the report be noted.

21 September 2021	YOT Improvement Plan	Resolved at January 2021 meeting to receive a progress update.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report be noted.</li> <li>2. That a further report be brought to the March 2022 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission to provide a progress report on the implementation of the YOT Inspection Action Plan.</li> <li>3. That a briefing for members of the Improving Lives Select Commission be arranged in order to provide an overview of the work of the YOT and to detail how it has positively impacted on the lives of the children and young people that it has worked with.</li> </ol>
	One Adoption South Yorkshire	To scrutinise how the new arrangements are working.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report be noted.</li> <li>2. That a report on the performance of the One Adoption South Yorkshire regional adoption agency be brought to the September 2022 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission.</li> <li>3. That consideration be given to how all elected members can be involved in promoting the work of One Adoption South Yorkshire in their wards and in encouraging potential adoptive parents to come forward.</li> </ol>
	Food Poverty/Holiday Activity Programme	To receive a report on previous activities and plans for the future.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report be noted.</li> <li>2. That the information collated regarding attendance and uptake around the programme of activities delivered via the Holiday Activities Fund Grant be circulated to the members of the Improving Lives Select Commission as soon as it is available.</li> </ol>
	Work Programme	To consider the committee's work programme.	That the work programme be approved
	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.	That the report be noted.

<p><b>5 October 2021</b></p>	<p>Adult Safeguarding</p>	<p>Follow up report on Adult Safeguarding issues.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report be noted.</li> <li>2. That a further report regarding Adult Safeguarding, with a focus on the approach and activity being carried out in Rotherham, be brought to the April 2022 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission.</li> <li>3. That an all member seminar be delivered in order to share information and case studies on how Adult Safeguarding activity in Rotherham had impacted on the lives of individuals.</li> <li>4. That the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health, in consultation with relevant delivery partners, give consideration to how elected members can work to raise awareness of Adult Safeguarding issues within their communities.</li> </ol>
<p><b>26 October</b></p>	<p>SEN</p>	<p>Resolved December 2020 to request an update</p>	<p>1) That the report be noted.</p>

2021	Strategy/Sufficiency	Agreed as an area of focus in July 2021 Work Programming session.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2) That a further progress report on the implementation of Phase Three of the SEND Sufficiency and other activity surrounding SEND Sufficiency in Rotherham be brought to the March 2021 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission.</li> <li>3) That a written update regarding the opening of the Newman Special School at the Dinnington SEND Campus be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission by the end of 2021.</li> <li>4) That the Assistant Director for Education and Inclusion liaises with Chair of the Improving Lives Select Commission to arrange visits for members of the Commission to the Newman Special School at the Dinnington SEND Campus.</li> <li>5) That a briefing be provided to the members of the Improving Lives Select Commission on the written statement of action drafted in response to Ofsted/CQC SEND Local Area Inspection once it is available.</li> </ol>
	Children's Mental Health	Agreed as an area of focus in July 2021 Work Programming session.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That the report be noted.</li> <li>2) That information on the Mental Health Trailblazer pilot scheme be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission.</li> <li>3) That the Chair of the Improving Lives Select Commission liaises with the Chair of the Health Select Commission regarding a joint piece of scrutiny work regarding children and young people's mental health issues and services in Rotherham.</li> </ol>
	Work Programme	To consider the committee's work programme.	That the Work Programme be approved.

	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.	That the update be noted.
<b>22 December</b>	Education Recovery	Agreed as an area of focus in July 2021 Work	1. That the report be noted.

2021	(including Elective Home Education)	Programming session.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. That information detailing the results of the phonics testing carried out with Year 2 children across the Borough be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission once available.</li> <li>3. That a briefing note be circulated to members of the Improving Lives Select Commission on the impact of the revised Elective Home Education Policy.</li> </ol>
	Post-CSE Support	To receive the report from the sub-group of ILSC on Post-CSE Support.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That the report be noted, and the following recommendations be submitted to OSMB and Cabinet for approval: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>That post-CSE services are transferred to the Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health directorate to enable the greater integration and coordination of support pathways that are available to adult victims of trauma as children.</i></li> <li>b) <i>That further work is undertaken with relevant partners and survivors to improve the ways in which survivors' voices are captured to inform future reviews of post-abuse services (for example drawing on the research from Sheffield Hallam University, the development of voice and influence groups or other survivor's forums).</i></li> <li>c) <i>That consideration is given to appropriate governance arrangements to enable elected members to provide a steer on the activity that is taking place within the Borough to stop CSE/CCE and support survivors.</i></li> <li>d) <i>That the Improving Lives Select Commission continue to monitor the provision of post-abuse support to survivors of CSE.</i></li> <li>e) <i>In relation to recommendations c) and d), that consideration is given how survivors' voices to inform these processes.</i></li> <li>f) <i>To emphasise the shared responsibility of all elected members, that an annual training event/workshop is delivered. This is to ensure that all elected members are kept up to date with the activity within the Borough to protect young people from being at risk of harm</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol>

			<p><i>from CSE/CCE and support adult survivors to move forwards in their lives.</i></p> <p><i>g) That the relevant Strategic Directors explore options for sharing best practice with other local authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber Region.</i></p> <p><i>h) Drawing on the good practice from Durham County Council, that consideration is given is given to the language used in the provision of post-CSE support to ensure that it is positive and inclusive of the needs of those accessing services.</i></p> <p>2) That the response of Cabinet to the recommendations be reported back to Council within two calendar months of its submission.</p>
	Work Programme	To consider the committee's work programme.	That the Work Programme be approved.

<b>25 January 2022</b>	Adult Safeguarding Annual Report	To receive and consider the annual report.	
	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.	

8 March 2022	SEND Sufficiency	<p>Resolved at the 26 October 2021 that</p> <p>That a further progress report on the implementation of Phase Three of the SEND Sufficiency and other activity surrounding SEND Sufficiency in Rotherham be brought to the March 2021 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission.</p> <p>To receive a report on the actions taken in response to the outcomes of the SEND inspection report.</p> <p>Representatives of the Parent and Carer's forum to be invited.</p>	
	Rotherham Children's Safeguarding Partnership – Annual Report	To receive and consider the annual report.	
	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.	

26 April 2022	Adult Safeguarding	<p>Resolved 5 October 2021:</p> <p>That a further report regarding Adult Safeguarding, with a focus on the approach and activity being carried out in Rotherham, be brought to the April 2022 meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission.</p>	
	YOT Improvement Plan	Resolved at the September 2021 meeting to bring a further report in 6 months' time.	
	Work Programme	To consider the committee's work programme.	
	Project group updates	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.

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<b>3 May 2022</b>	Work Programme	To consider the committee's work programme.	
	Project group updates	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.

<b>7 June 2022</b>	End of year performance report on Child Exploitation	To review the Council's activity over the past year with regard to Child Exploitation.	
	Work Programme	Project group updates	For the Chair/project group leads to provide an update on the work of the project groups.
	Project group updates	ILSC Monitoring Report	To monitor the progress of recommendations made by ILSC.

## Items pending scheduling or removal

Item	Details	Status
Support for Young Carers	Raised as an area of interest by members following a report on Carers at HSC.	To be scheduled/considered for a sub-group project.
Counter extremism in schools/ Radicalisation of young people and extremism	<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> <p>Referred to ILSC from OSMB</p>	<p>To be scheduled</p> <p>July 2021 – Chair and Vice Chair will be receiving a briefing in order to consider the focus of the subsequent report to the committee.</p>
Youth Offending Team – Service Provision	To look at the processes and journey that young people go through who are accessing YOT services	Agreed September 2021 to provide a briefing for members.
CYPS Directorate workforce strategy	Progress report	Focus to be discussed before scheduling
Re-referrals and repeat child protection planning – Progress report	<p>Resolved at June 2020 meeting to receive a progress report at December 2020 meeting.</p> <p>Nov 2020 – Rescheduled to March 2021</p> <p>Feb 2021 – Chair deferred item as data on this was not highlighting an areas of additional concern.</p>	To be scheduled

Mental Health and Digital Exclusion amongst young people.	Resolved at December 2020 HSC “That the Improving Lives Select Commission investigate young patients’ access to technology with a view to preventing their digital exclusion from accessing mental health services.”	To be scheduled
Children’s Mental Health	That the Chair of the Improving Lives Select Commission liaises with the Chair of the Health Select Commission regarding a joint piece of scrutiny work regarding children and young people’s mental health issues and services in Rotherham.	To discuss with HSC Chair and KH
One Adoption South Yorkshire	Resolved September 2021 to bring a further report in 12 months’ time.	To be scheduled for September 2022
CYPS - High Needs Block Update and Recovery Plan	<p>Scrutiny acknowledged that it was early days in the recovery plan process with steps outlined to reduce the deficit. Overall position.</p> <p>OSMB had other updates on this particular issue and other services within CYPS, but Chair confirmed continuation at work planning meeting on 27 May 2020.</p> <p>June 2021 – Strategic Director Children’s and Young Peoples Services/Assistant Director – Education/Chair and Vice-Chair to meet to discuss focus of the report.</p> <p>Moved from OSMB Work Programme December 2021</p>	To be scheduled

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## Sub and Project Group Work

Updated: 11 January 2022

Project	Details	Status
CSE – post abuse support (task and finish to feed into commissioning process)	Task and finish group established. Interviews undertaken with 3 local authorities (July/August 2019)	Approved by ILSC 21/12/21  To be considered by OSMB on 19/01/22  Subject to OSMB approval response from Cabinet scheduled for 14 February
Domestic Abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Homicide Review</li> <li>• Stalking and Harassment</li> <li>• Domestic Abuse Service Principles</li> </ul>	Referral from OSMB and January 2019 ILSC	To schedule (awaiting update from Home Office on domestic homicide).  To agree actions to complete the review.
Early Help Offer	Resolved in October 2019  That a sub-group be established to undertake further scrutiny of the early help offer.	In progress.

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