Virtual School update - Key Points - 2014-15

Sep-14	L Lichfield (now L Dale) appointed to Virtual Head (VH) role alongside responsibilities around Pupil Referral Units and Exclusions
Sep-14	VH presented proposal to restructure the Get Real Team model into a Virtual School model that would be better positioned to drive improved outcomes for all Rotherham's looked after children as well as distribute and monitor the use and impact of LAC pupil premium funding.
Sep-14	VH presented service plan outlining key objectives for 2014-15. VH undertook data analysis to assess Rotherham LAC outcomes against national data and to establish % of LAC in good or better schools. Virtual School proposal, data analysis and service plan presented to Ofsted inspection team.
Sep-Dec 14	Development and implementation of pupil premium allocation procedures
Nov-Dec 14	Consultation with Get Real Team staff re plan for service to cease on 31st March 2015
Dec-15	Development of pilot project SLA with MAST (Multi-Agency Support Team from Maltby Academy) for mental health support work for identified LAC in schools (funded through LAC pupil premium). Virtual School membership of fostering panel.
Feb-15	Two mental health support workers recruited and started with plan to work with 40 children
Feb-Mar 15	New Virtual School team members recruited
Jan-Mar 15	Electronic PEP system identified and commissioned to replace paper-based systems and streamline processes for schools
mid-April 15	New Virtual School team members in place. Commencement of induction and training.
Apr-Jul 14	Development of processes required to include Early Years children (age 2+) to the remit of the Virtual School
May-15	Commencement of training to schools and social workers re Virtual School and ePEPs. Training provided for fostering panel.
May-Jun 15	Development of improved pupil tracking database
June-July 15	Increased training sessions offered to schools and social care.
May-July 15	Development and population of ePEP system.
Jul-15	Recruitment of additional member of staff to expand remit of Virtual School to include post-16. Start date end Sept 15.
June-July 15	Initial development of pilot project around 'attachment aware' schools (funded through LAC pupil premium)