

**COUNCIL SEMINAR
10th November, 2015**

Present:- Councillor Read (in the Chair); The Mayor (Councillor M.Clark), Councillors Alam, Atkin, Beaumont, Beck, Cowles, Elliot, Ellis, Evans, Gosling, Hoddinott, Jepson, Khan, Lelliott, Mallinder, McNeely, Parker, Pickering, Reeder, Roche, Rushforth, Russell, Sansome, Sims, Steele, M. Vines, Wallis and Wyatt.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ahmed, Currie, Fleming, Hamilton, Pitchley, Taylor, C. Vines, Watson, Whelbourn and Yasseen.

3 COMMISSIONING CSE SERVICES

Councillor Read, Leader, welcomed Jo Smith, CSE Co-ordinator, to the seminar. Jo had been invited to attend the meeting to inform Members of the CSE services commissioned and, with the aid of powerpoint, gave a presentation drawing particular attention to:-

- CSE Services
- CSE Governance
- The Multi-Agency Risk Panel (MARP)
- Service Improvement
- Core Commissioning Cycle

A discussion and question and answer session ensued and the following issues were raised:-

- Services currently delivered in response to the Jay and Casey reports and had been successful. All were being assessed to ensure they were fit for purpose
- Counselling normally involved up to 20 sessions, however, in certain circumstances it could be extended. There were different referral routes for alternative counselling and therapies
- Work undertaken to market the helpline with alternative methods now being explored including Facebook etc.
- Due to issues of trust and/or having on with their lives, the true number of victims would more than likely never be known, however, all agencies were working to the 1,400 number of children quoted in the Jay report
- The Chair of the Local Safeguarding Board was also the Chair of the CSE Sub-Group and fed directly into the former
- Very close working relationship with the Police regarding Operation Clover

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- Capacity to provide support for victims with regard to the forthcoming trials; the National Crime Agency (Operation Stovewood) had commissioned Rape Crisis for the provision of specialist support due to the specific trauma and there not being the appropriate capacity/expertise in the current services available
- Although the Barnardo's Assertive Outreach project was not yet up and running, they had some capacity and together with GROW and the Women's Refuge, were picking up cases
- An individual would be referred to whichever service they required e.g. Alcohol and Substance Misuse Services
- All the commissioned services were monitored on a monthly basis including impact
- The commissioning service specification would be out 11th December with a submission date of 15th January, 2016 (approximate dates). Awarding of contracts would be at the end of January/beginning of February, 2016 with the services up and running by the start of the new financial year with possible overlap
- There was contact with the Police and Crime Commissioner's Survivors Group but there was difficulty due to issues between the individuals themselves

The Leader thanked Jo for her attendance and presentation.