

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1. Meeting:	Improving Lives Select Commission
2. Date:	16 December 2015
3. Title:	Rotherham Child Sexual Exploitation Needs Analysis
4. Directorate:	CYPS All wards

5. Summary

As part of the Scrutiny work programme for 2015/16, it was agreed between Commissioners and Elected Members that the Improving Lives Select Commission focus on the scrutiny of partnership plans to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Rotherham.

The following reports Rotherham Child Sexual Exploitation Needs Analysis (attached as Appendix 1) and University of Salford: Needs Analysis following the Sexual Exploitations of Children in Rotherham (attached as Appendix 2) are to be considered as part of this work.

6. Recommendations

That Members:

- a. Consider and comment on Appendix 1 and 2;**
- b. Determine how the issues raised in the CSE Needs Analysis are to be included in the work programme of Improving Lives Select Commission.**

7. Proposals and details

- 7.1 The Rotherham Child Sexual Exploitation Needs Analysis (attached as Appendix 1) describes the landscape in which services in Rotherham are operating. This analysis identifies the need for work in schools, intervention & prevention at the earliest possible stage & the importance of voice & influence & consultation as part of a response to evolving need.
- 7.2 As a result of this analysis a separate voice & influence research project was commissioned. Salford University (attached as Appendix 2) carried out this work with the support of a number of local services: Apna Haq, Swinton Lock, Clifton Learning Partnership, RISE & individuals who had experienced or were at risk of CSE. Public opinion was also sought & information was collated through a variety of sources including group work, 1:1 sessions & an online survey. This mixed methodology was a deliberate design to be as inclusive as possible to all of the Rotherham population.
- 7.3 One of the overall objectives of the Salford research was:
- ‘To gain understanding & insight into the views of victims & survivors & families affected by CSE from all sections of the population of Rotherham.’***
- 7.4 Both documents evidence the need for an early interventionist approach, which will reduce prevalence of vulnerability for children and young people in Rotherham and offer children, many of whom who are on the cusp of care and in care a way out before it's too late and serious harm is inflicted on the child. To this end extensive voice & influence work has been undertaken & indeed continues to ensure that provision meets the needs of those affected by & vulnerable to CSE.

8. Finance

Not considered as part of this report.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Considered as part of the 'The Way Forward' Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy 2015-18 and CSE Delivery Plan 2015-18

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

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11. Background Papers and Consultation

See attached

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