

Improving Lives Select Commission July 4, 2017

Title:-Evaluation of Barnardo's ReachOut Service

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All

Summary

The Council and Barnardo's are part of an innovative, cutting-edge partnership with the DFE and KPMG, which has led to the successful creation and implementation of a forward thinking outreach service called Reach Out. This project strives to support and protect children and young people who at risk of CSE in Rotherham, with shared funding from all partners.

The Reach Out project is funded for a period of three years 2016 - 18 with Rotherham Council contributing £234,000 per annum alongside partners KPMG Foundation Trust (£1,0229), DfE (£500,000) and Barnardo's (£425,000).

Most young people referred to the Reach Out service are identified as at risk of CSE because of concerns about their ability to identify abusive, exploitative behaviour and/or concerns about their ability to keep safe on-line. However, there is often a range of other issues underlying these concerns, including emotional health/mental wellbeing issues, worries about relationships with friends/peers and family as well as unhealthy personal and sexual relationships.

The Reach Out Project has delivered the following key areas of work up to present:

- Preventative education in schools and other settings (primarily delivering the healthy relationship education package 'Real Love Rocks');
- Targeted outreach to young people at risk;
- Direct support to individual young people and their parents.

Barnardo's is currently forward planning and developing the ReachOut Service to ensure sustainability into the future.

The Reach Out service commenced in January 2016 and has now been operational for over a year.

Evaluation of the service has been separately funded and is being undertaken by Bedfordshire University.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Evaluation Report: Barnardo's ReachOut Service

Appendix 2 Independent Evaluation: Barnardo's ReachOut Service

Background Papers

None

Exempt from the Press and Public

No