

BRIEFING	TO:	Health Select Commission
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	TITLE:	Draft Rotherham Social, Emotional and Mental Health Strategy

1. Background

- 1.1 The work programme of the Health Select Commission has included a strong focus on mental health and wellbeing, across all age groups, but especially for children and young people, over a number of years.
- 1.2 In October 2017, the Commission considered information presented by Rotherham schools with details of their response to children and young people with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs. Further to this report, a monitoring update on the first SEMH Strategy was scrutinised in October 2018. Members noted the progress made to support children and young people and supported development of a new multi-agency SEMH Strategy. The draft strategy is attached at Appendix 1, with the graphs contained within it reproduced and enlarged on a separate sheet at Appendix 2.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The six overarching priorities in the strategy are :
 - 1. **Sufficiency:** develop local education provision that responds to need – this will include flexible and specialist provision
 - 2. **Seamless Pathways:** ensure that pathways to support are connected and aligned and develop a clear behaviour pathway that includes responses to attachment and trauma
 - 3. **Partnerships:** develop and sustain robust inclusion partnerships that enable schools to meet need through a collective approach to responding to the needs of individual children
 - 4. **Evidence-Based Approaches:** ensure that the local authority offer (from Early Help and Inclusion services) responds to need and is underpinned by evidence-based approaches and aligned with clear pathways
 - 5. **Workforce:** develop a robust training and support offer, enabling professionals to feel confident in responding to the needs of children and young people with SEMH needs
 - 6. **Outcomes Focused and Value for Money:** ensure that all activity can demonstrate a clear outcomes and value for money

3. Key Actions and Timelines

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| 3.1 | An action plan covering the six priorities is incorporated within the draft strategy. |
| 3.2 | Initial actions commenced in October 2018 with the development of robust data on Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Sufficiency and will culminate in new provision being introduced in a phased approach by September 2021. |
| 3.3 | The action plan also sets out the timescales to implement the Mental Health Trailblazer which will pilot a new approach to delivering mental health support in schools. The Mental Health Trailblazer will be a key enabler for the SEMH Strategy. |

4. Recommendations

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| 4.1 | <p>That the Health Select Commission:</p> <p>Consider and comment on the draft strategy and the information provided in the presentation.</p> <p>Note progress on the implementation of the Mental Health Trailblazer pilot.</p> |
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