

Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Post-CSE Support

	Recommendation	Cabinet Decision <i>(Accepted/ Rejected/ Deferred)</i>	Cabinet Response <i>(detailing proposed action if accepted, rationale for rejection, and why and when issue will be reconsidered if deferred)</i>	Accountability	Target date for completion (if applicable)
a	That post-CSE services are transferred to the Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health directorate to enable the greater integration and coordination of support pathways that are available to adult victims of trauma as children.	Accepted	<p>It is proposed Children and Young People's Services and Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health work together to develop a transition plan to transfer commissioning and contract management responsibilities for post CSE services no later than December 2022.</p> <p>Significant progress has been made by these commissioned services, Children and Young People's Services and Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health to enable integration and coordination of support pathways. This work has taken place alongside wider commissioned services, Rotherham CCG and South Yorkshire Police and the National Crime Agency culminating in the development of the Rotherham Trauma and Resilience Road Map. See Appendix 1.</p> <p>The new pathway, established in June 2021 ensures integration and coordination of support pathways that are available to adult victims of trauma as children and their families.</p> <p>Coordination and integration is facilitated by the Rotherham Partnership Hub, which currently meets weekly each Wednesday and is attended by our key partners from Rotherham Rise, GROW, Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service (Rothacs) and specialist clinical NHS staff from The Trauma and Resilience Service.</p> <p>Three contracts for post CSE support are currently commissioned by RMBC. These are Grow - Practical, Emotional Support and Advocacy for Young People. Rotherham Rise - Practical, emotional support and advocacy for Young People (up to the age of 25) and adults who have experienced child sexual exploitation and Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service, Evidence based therapeutic interventions for young people and adults who have experienced child sexual exploitation. The contracts began on 1st January 2021 and expire on 31st December 2023, if required there is agreement for extension for up to a further 2 years ending 31st December 2025.</p> <p>There will remain an ongoing need for CYPS Commissioners to be involved in the development of post CSE support post the transfer of the commissioning and contract management arrangements to Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health to inform needs analysis, commissioning and service delivery of the other elements of the pathway.</p>	Assistant Directors Commissioning, CYPS/ ACPHH	December 2022
b	That further work is undertaken with relevant partners and survivors to improve the ways in which survivors' voices are captured to inform future reviews of post-abuse services (for example drawing on the research from Sheffield Hallam University, the development of voice and influence groups or other survivor's forums).	Accepted	<p>Feedback from victims/ survivors is used to develop service provision and inform future commissioning and there is a commitment to continue to develop this. The voices of those accessing services inform the use of language e.g. victims/ survivors because some women identify as survivors but some do not wish it to be forgotten that they are victims. The roadmap as at Appendix 1 (rather than a linear pathway) is reflective of the voices of survivors/ victims who are clear it is easier to talk about their abuse with someone they know and the necessity of the opportunity to enter and exit support dependent on their resilience and readiness.</p> <p>Feedback is usually collated on an individual basis, some victims/ survivors who have been accessing the services for a significant period within the three years of operation are now in a position to consider supporting the development of develop voice and influence activity for some this would not yet be appropriate. This activity will be taken at a pace suitable to the victims/ survivors.</p> <p>The methodology for the year 3 research undertaken by Sheffield Hallam University focuses on drawing on the experience and voice of victims/ survivors, this will be published in 2022. This will inform the development of survivor's voices influencing future service and pathway development and re-commissioning of services. This will be reported in the annual update to Improving Lives.</p>	Assistant Directors Commissioning, CYPS/ ACPHH	November 2022
c	That consideration is given to appropriate governance arrangements to enable elected members to provide a steer on the activity that is taking place within the Borough to stop CSE/CCE and support survivors.	Accepted	Discussion with Cabinet Member and Chair/Vice-Chair of Improving Lives to determine arrangements. It should be noted that the arrangements will ensure appropriate governance to steer the activity that is taking place within the Borough to prevent and reduce CSE/CCE and support survivors.	Strategic Director Governance Advisor	June 2022

d	That the Improving Lives Select Commission continue to monitor the provision of post-abuse support to survivors of CSE.	Accepted	Included on Improving Lives Select Commission's work programme annually .	Governance Advisor Link Officer	November 2022
e	In relation to recommendations c) and d), that consideration is given how survivors' voices to inform these processes.	Accepted	The research study from Sheffield Hallam University to be used to develop proposals to inform c and d above.	Assistant Directors Commissioning, CYPS/ ACPHH	November 2022
f	To emphasise the shared responsibility of all elected members, that an annual training event/workshop is delivered. This is to ensure that all elected members are kept up to date with the activity within the Borough to protect young people from being at risk of harm from CSE/CCE and support adult survivors to move forwards in their lives.	Accepted	Factored into Member Development Programme annually.	Head of Democratic Services Strategic Directors CYP/ ACPHH	September 2022
g	That the relevant Strategic Directors explore options for sharing best practice with other local authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber Region.	Accepted	Strategic Director CYP is an active member the Association of Directors of Children's Services, best practice is shared with other local authorities through this forum and there is a commitment to continue to do this. Best practice in the Yorkshire and Humber Region is shared via a Bronze Safeguarding Group which is attended consistently by the Assistant Director Children's Social Care and/ or Head of Service Front Door. Rotherham is recognised as an area of best practice, Kirklees Council approached Rotherham CYPS in relation to sharing learning and the Pathway the partnership in Rotherham have developed for adult survivors of CSE.	Strategic Directors CYP Assistant Director Children's Social Care.	Ongoing
h	Drawing on the good practice from Durham County Council, that consideration is given to the language used in the provision of post-CSE support to ensure that it is positive and inclusive of the needs of those accessing services.	Accepted	<p>Rotherham services have worked with victims/ survivors to consider the language used in the provision of post-CSE support to ensure it is inclusive and respectful of the needs and wishes of those accessing its services. This language is reflected in all documentation. This will continue to be reviewed as further feedback is received in line with recommendation b.</p> <p>A joint meeting with Durham County Council will be organised to take their learning and identify any principles or approaches that can be adopted to underpin the approach to language. Any changes will be reported to Improving Lives by March 2023.</p> <p>After engagement and consultation with key stakeholders the Rotherham Youth Offending Team Board received proposals at the January 2022 meeting to re-name the Youth Offending Team Board as the Youth Justice Service Management Board. This proposal was agreed in April and will inform amendments to all terminology. This follows the change to refer to staff in the service as Youth Justice Workers.</p>	Assistant Directors Commissioning, CYPS/ ACPHH	March 2023

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