

**IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday 5 March 2024**

Present:- Councillor Pitchley (in the Chair); Councillors Bacon, Baker-Rogers, Griffin, Haleem, Khan, Monk and Bennett-Sylvester.

Apologies for absence:- Apologies were received from Councillors Cooksey, Atkin, Z. Collingham, Hughes and McNeely.

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**156. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON**

**Resolved:** - That the Minutes of the meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission, held on 30 January 2024 be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

**157. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**158. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items of business on the agenda that required the exclusion of the press and public from the meeting.

**159. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

There were no questions from members of the public or press.

**160. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chair advised that all the items regarding communication were covered on the agenda.

**161. CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL - UPDATE**

The Chair advised that there had not been a meeting of Corporate Parenting Panel since the last update was provided to the Commission. The next meeting of Corporate Parenting Panel would be held on the 19 March 2024 and a further update would be provided to the Commission in the new municipal year.

**162. ROTHERHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PEER REVIEW**

In July 2023, the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB) commissioned the Local Government Association (LGA) to carry out a

Peer Review, which identified several areas to further strengthen the safeguarding offer for Rotherham. This agenda item followed a previous presentation of the initial findings to the Improving Lives Select Commission in October 2023, as part of the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report. This agenda item presented the formal action plan developed in response to the Peer Review for Safeguarding Adults, to members of the Commission.

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Kirsty Littlewood, Assistant Director for Adult Care and Integration, Moira Wilson, Independent Chair of the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board, Andrew Wells, Head of Service for Safeguarding and Mental Health and Jackie Scantlebury, Safeguarding Adult Board Manager.

The Chair invited Moira to introduce the report and lead on the presentation, during which the following was noted:

The LGA was invited to complete a Peer Review on the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board between the 11<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Peer challenges were an important part of ensuring continuous improvement.

The Two Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOE)-

- The Peer Review also looked across the board at all aspects of safeguarding, however the RSAB asked the Peer Review Team to focus on two specific KLOE's which were:
  - Outcomes for and the experiences of people who used the services. This theme looked at what differences there had been to the outcomes of people experiences in relation to adult safeguarding and the quality of the experience of people who used the services provided.
  - Leadership, strategy and working together. This theme looked at the leadership of the RSAB and how statutory duties were delivered. There was a recognised and active leadership to safeguard adults in each of the statutory partner organisations.

The Key Messages from the Peer Review-

- All reviewers were positive in relation to the commitment in Rotherham.
- Voices were listened to in Rotherham, but not yet heard at the RSAB.
- The RSAB could go further on collaboration and constructive challenge.
- To be an outstanding RSAB, sufficient resources were required to provide support and robust processes were required to plan and deliver the strategy.
- Mainstreaming the pockets of excellent practice was advised and celebrating the good work to show residents what was working well.

#### Recommendations-

To support RSAB on its improvement journey the Peer Team advised RSAB to act on the following recommendations:

- To use the groups and mechanisms which already existed in partner organisations, to increase voice in the work of the Board. They also advised that the RSAB should ensure time would be set aside, to think what questions the RSAB would want to ask these groups.
- To set aside time for a development session, to better understand the relevance of the various meetings, such as who attends them and why. The review team recommended reconsideration of the best way to include representation of the independent care provider market.
- To review how agendas were set to encourage oversight of broader safeguarding related matters, arising from partnership working.
- To ensure robust SMART plans were in place which could track and monitor, using best practice from other Boards for good practice and templates in this area.
- To explore how data and information could be used to identify areas for improvement, celebrate successes and answer the 'so what' questions.
- To consider whether the understanding of partners regarding the safeguarding pathways and expectations around these were sufficiently clear and shared, and whether there were strategic or operational changes which could ensure better alignment.

#### Action taken since the review-

- A Safeguarding Adults Board Development Day was held in November 2023. The final Peer Review Report and Development Day actions were presented to the Board on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- The following three themes were developed to monitor actions and progress:
  - Theme One, strengthening the user voice.
  - Theme Two, governance and strengthening board arrangements.
  - Theme Three, making the best use of data and information.
- There were action plans for each of the themes.
- Theme One, Strengthening the user voice, with a focus on the following:
  - Raising the profile and extending the reach of the RSAB through a communication campaign, ensuring an improved digital presence and engagement with the public.
  - Developing a user voice subgroup or mechanism, that would feed directly into the RSAB.
  - Mapping across all partner agencies how service users were engaged and ensure voices would be captured.
  - Building on how making safeguarding personal outcomes were recorded to capture user voice.

- Theme Two, governance and strengthening the board arrangement, with a focus on the following:
  - Reviewing how the executive functions, this was required to be a very small group who could collectively agree Board agendas and oversee delivery against the Board Strategy and Delivery Plan.
  - Reviewing the Terms of Reference and attendees at the Executive Board and subgroups, which would ensure an appropriate representation and considering a 'contract' for board members.
  - Strengthening governance across other strategic partnerships.
  - Raising the profile of the RSAB, considering a 'Who's who' which would be publicised internally to front line employees.
- Theme Three, making the best use of the data and information:
  - Ensuring the data set would be partnership data rather than only local authority data.
  - Ensuring data would be qualitative not just quantitative, with an accompanying narrative that would provide context.
  - Performance and Quality Subgroup would review data and information first and undertake any further work required (e.g., a single and/or multi agency audit) to identify 'what's working well', 'what we are worried about' and would provide recommendations to the Board about 'what needs to happen'.

#### Key Milestones-

- Creating a customer voice task and finish group to deliver actions to improve the user voice, this would be completed by July 2024.
- Improvement of the RSAB Website, which would be completed by May 2024.
- Refresh of the Terms of Reference for the Board and the Executive Groups, which would be completed by April 2024.
- Improvement of the performance dashboard, including data from across the partnership, which would be completed by July 2024.
- Completion of the action plan, which would be completed by October 2024.

The Chair thanked the relevant officer for the presentation and invited questions, this led to the following points being raised during discussions:

- Within the overall improvement tool used for safeguarding adults, all theme's overlapped therefore it all needed to be looked at together in context.
- User voice was particularly important and critical in relation to safeguarding adults. It was recognised that the voice of service users was not always central to the Adult Social Care Service. It was important for the service to support people to have as much choice and control in their lives as possible. Alongside the development of a voice sub-group within the RSAB, there was also a co-production board for Adult Social Care being established. This

would ensure any strategies developed within Adult Social Care would be done in partnership with people who had lived experience.

- Assurance was provided that there was a strong commitment and good representation from all partner agencies, the Peer Review identified the strength of the partnership's approach to safeguarding.
- The Safeguarding Adults Board drove operational practises around safeguarding in front line delivery, there was strong strategic and operational working.
- Safeguarding was part of the outcome of the commissioning process of contracts, to ensure safeguarding compliance. The Quality and Performance Group monitored safeguarding activity, compliance with the CQC and addressed specific incidents where required.
- There were four subgroups established which were, the Safeguarding Adult Review Sub-group, the Workforce Development Sub-group, the Policy and Practise Sub-group and the Performance and Quality Sub-group.
- The Complex Lives Team worked outside of eligibility, the team expanded the criteria to ensure that support was provided to more people. The team recognised the complexities of individuals in Rotherham and had dedicated resources to support this.
- The RSAB had a focus on improving digital communications by ensuring the website was more accessible, creating a training and professional page on the website and implementing the RSAB Communication Strategy, developed closely with the Communications Team. There was a focus on raising awareness with voluntary groups and a six-monthly newsletter for all employees of the local authority and partner organisations.
- The Peer Review identified that there was further focus required to strengthen the line of sight, between the RSAB and the safeguarding taking place in partner agencies. This would be achieved by the RSAB working closer with partner organisations, to gain a clearer understanding of what safeguarding activities happened within organisations. Partner agencies were required to present to the RSAB on a regular basis.
- There would be CQC assessments of all local authorities, one theme of the assessment would be safety. It was advised that when the local authority would be assessed, the CQC would focus on how the RSAB responded to the LGA Peer Challenge recommendations.
- The National Safeguarding Board Manager Group met every six weeks, the Yorkshire and Humber Safeguarding Board Manager Group and the South Yorkshire Board Manager Group met every two months.

**Resolved:-**

- 1) That the Improving Lives Select Commission considered the report

and action plan.

- 2) That the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board would include a progress update on the peer review recommendations, in the next RSAB Annual Report Update to the Commission.
- 3) Potential opportunities for engagement with members and residents that could be built into ward plans would be assessed.

## **163. FAMILY HUBS UPDATE**

This agenda item provided an update on the progress of the transformation project, associated with the Family Hubs and Start for Life Grant. The update followed a previous update to the Improving Lives Select Commission, in March 2023.

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Councillor Cusworth, the Cabinet Member for Childrens and Young Peoples Services (CYPS), Robert Savage, Business Service Manager, Kelly White, Head of Service for First Response, Acting Assistant Director for Early Help, Kirsty Woodhead, and Alex Hawley, Public Health Consultant.

The Chair invited Councillor Cusworth to introduce the report and Alex Hawley to lead on the presentation, during which the following was noted:

Rotherham was one of seventy-five local authorities that was chosen for the family hubs funding, this was due to high levels of deprivation in the Borough. The funding was provided by the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Social Care. The funding was provided for transformation work, with only 5% that was available for capital works.

Changes to management oversight-

- The newly appointed Acting Assistant Director for Early Help and Business Support would lead the design of the refreshed Early Help Strategy, in the coming months.
- To provide related support in the short term, the Interim Service Manager for Early Help and the Family Engagement Service had accepted additional responsibilities for the operational Early Help Service. The Consultant in Public Health was responsible for the Best Start and Beyond portfolio and would lead the continuing family hubs transformation. The Departmental Business Service Manager (CYPS) would support on the Family Hubs programme management.

Location of Family Hubs in Children's Centres-

- The Family Hubs programme was delivered across the Borough, using existing buildings which were familiar to children and families.
- Sites were connected by the digital offer to provide face to face or virtual information, advice, and support for families.

Funded Strands-

- Family Hubs transformation which included the branding and digital

offer

- Perinatal mental health and parent-infant relationships
- Parenting support
- Infant feeding support
- Home learning environment and speech, language, and communication
- Publishing the Start for Life offer
- Parent and Carer Panel.

#### Co-location in Sites Delivering the Family Hubs Programme-

- Infant Feeding Specialist
- Three Nursery Nurses based in the Family Hubs
- Substance Misuse workers
- Health, including antenatal and 0-19 Services
- MESMAC
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance (REMA)
- Employment Support Advisers
- Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)
- Digital Inclusion Team
- Rotherham Rise
- Voluntary Sector
- Birth registration
- Perinatal Mental Health

#### Locality Meetings-

- Monthly, multi-disciplinary meetings would bring together colleagues delivering or co-locating from buildings, delivering the Family Hubs programme.
- This would support strong communication between agencies and allow a structured opportunity to share information about service delivery within the community.
- It would support strong integration between agencies and practitioners and provide a forum to discuss joint working and shared delivery opportunities.
- It would provide an opportunity to raise, discuss and resolve issues arising from co-locations.
- It would provide a forum to discuss the local community and arising themes or issues and agree a joint approach to address those.
- It would allow opportunities to connect with other organisations not directly part of the Family Hubs programme, but working in the community, such as neighbourhood services.
- It would provide practitioners with an understanding of the performance targets relating to the Family Hubs programme and their shared responsibility in progress towards these.
- It would provide practitioners with updates from the Family Hubs Programme Parent and Carer Panel.

#### Family Hubs Website-

- The digital offer for children and families was a key element of the Family Hubs transformation.
- Parents and carers could access the information, advice and support they needed to give their child the best start in life and beyond.
- The website had launched and content was being added regularly.

#### Parent and Infant Mental Wellbeing and Relationships-

- Perinatal meant the period of time from pregnancy up to a year after giving birth.
- The local Perinatal Mental Health service offered confidential and non-judgemental care and treatment for women with moderate to severe mental health problems, who were planning to have a baby, were already pregnant, or had given birth in the last twelve months.
- Programmes that helped parents, carers and babies to form a secure bond and healthy attachment and where needed, provided mental health and relationship support (e.g. Solihull and One Plus One).
- Work with partners across the Family Hub system was being undertaken to consolidate the support available and develop a mild to moderate pathway, to ensure women could get the right support at the earliest opportunity.
- The introduction of VIG (Video Interaction Guidance). Video Interaction Guidance (VIG) was a strength-based, brief intervention that promoted attainment, sensitivity, and mentalisation in relationships. The principles and practice were used to work within any relationship. VIG was effective with parents and carers of children across all ages (including babies and unborn babies). The first three practitioners were trained through Government funding. Rotherham had agreed an investment for a further 25 multi-disciplinary practitioners to be trained.
- The Peep Learning Together Programme helped parents, carers and practitioners to make the most of learning opportunities in everyday life. There were two Home Learning Officers and delivery of the programme launched in January.

#### Infant Feeding Support-

- There was an Infant Feeding Coordinator funded by the Family Hubs programme, who led on infant feeding support across the Borough.
- Rotherham was a Breastfeeding Friendly Borough following a launch in August of the Breastfeeding Friendly Borough Declaration.
- Rotherham also had a UNICEF Baby Friendly Accreditation.
- Recruitment was taking place for more volunteers and breastfeeding peer supporters, who would be available to support families on their breastfeeding journey.



#### Start for Life Offer-

- From conception to the age of two, children developed rapidly, and experiences laid the foundations for lifelong emotional and physical health.
- The Start for Life Offer was a publication that described all the support mechanisms for infants and families and included the following:
  - Midwives provided personalised support to families throughout pregnancy and labour.
  - Infant Feeding and Oral Health services supported parents with feeding their babies, breastfeeding support, and advice on nutrition.
  - Health Visitors worked with other Start for Life professionals after childbirth in supporting families. They were responsible for the mandated child development reviews. Health Visitors did a pre-birth visit so they could see families before birth.
  - Special Educational Needs and Disability services supported disabled or seriously ill babies and their families.
  - Parent-Infant Mental Health Services ensured that parents, carers and babies were forming a secure bond and attachment and where needed, provided mental health and relationship support.
  - Safeguarding Services sought to protect children from abuse and maltreatment.

#### Parent and Carer Panel-

- The Panel consisted of parents and carers from pregnancy and with children aged 0-2, who wanted to shape the way services were delivered by the Family Hubs. The Panel was led by Voluntary Action Rotherham.
- There was no specific time commitment, and the Panel would be involved in a range of activities such as the following:
  - Focus groups
  - Meetings
  - 'Mystery Shopper' activities
  - Online surveys and questionnaires.

#### Upcoming Priorities-

- To launch the Family Hubs registration form.
- To complete further co-location of partner agencies.
- To increase volunteering opportunities in a range of roles within the programme.
- To continue delivery of evidence-based training for employees.
- To increase uptake of evidence-based programmes.
- To establish other sites around the Borough, making it easier for families to access services.

The Chair thanked the relevant officer for the presentation and invited questions, this led to the following points being raised during discussions:

- The Programme had introduced an additional health visit at the period between 3-4 months. This was not one of the five mandated visits and in order to introduce this, the 0-19 Service had recruited three additional Nursery Nurse positions. After the funding cases the plan is to evaluate and either re-design the delivery model or seek additional funding for the service. Two Home Learning Environment Officers had also been recruited within Early Help to roll out the programme, using a 'train the trainer' model which would ensure continuity across the service once the posts would end.
- A key priority of the service was monitoring and encouraging the uptake of the programme within the most deprived communities. The service measured and monitored the percentage of children aged 0-5 living in the thirty most deprived areas in Rotherham, registered with a children's centre and analysing how many of those children were accessing the centre. 88% of children aged 0-5 living in the 30% most deprived areas in Rotherham were registered at a children's centre and 67% of those were accessing the centre.
- The digital offer was intended to connect all the Family Hubs to ensure there would be no barriers to people accessing the service. The digital offer was available twenty-four-seven and had a variety of information, support and e-learning opportunities. It also provided work with partners to encourage professionals to access further learning, which had added value to the voluntary community sector.
- The statistics of people who attended the training detailed on page 57 of the report, would be provided to members in percentages, via a written response.
- A written response would be provided to all members in relation to the Family Hubs activities that were available in each ward.

**Resolved:-**

- That Members of the Improving Lives Select Committee noted the progress made to date in the use of the grant, to transform family help and support services.

**164. YOUNG CARERS UPDATE**

This agenda item provided a presentation to the Commission on Young Carers following the Carers Strategy Update in July 2022. Two actions were identified relating to Young Carers which were:

- That future reports in respect of Young Carers would include strong evidence of co-production and assurances that the perspectives of Young Carers are being heard.
- That the service would prioritise provision of leisure and culture activities for respite for Young Carers.

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Helen Sweaton, Joint Assistant

Director for Commissioning and Performance and Paul Stinson, Commissioning Manager.

The Chair invited Councillor Cusworth to introduce the report and Paul Stinson to lead on the presentation, during which the following was noted:

It was advised that the voices of children and young people were very important to the service. Young carers attended the Children and Young People's Partnership Board meetings on a regular basis.

#### Local Challenges and Opportunities-

- Since January 2023, there was a statutory duty for all schools to identify young carers and record who identified them, in the Department for Education (DfE) school census data return. This was collected annually during the spring census and sent to the Council's Performance and Quality Team.
- The first year of School Census data relating to young carers was released in June 2023. The data showed significant under-reporting of the number of young carers in school and of the 45,627 pupils, only 20 young carers were identified. The next return would be in May 2024.
- Transition support for younger carers moving to secondary school and for young adult carers to transition to college and/or university, was an opportunity to be considered in the future due to increasing demands.
- Bereavement support for carers as losing loved ones was an emerging issue.
- Members of the Young Carers Council advised in November 2023, that they would like more links with leisure facilities to be held outside of buildings, as young carers were often in their home, caring for long periods of time.
- Partnership group work with health colleagues could be developed further to address mental health.
- Barnardo's supported the young carers that they were working with in schools if needed, around absenteeism for appointments.

#### Young Carer's Perspectives Were Being Heard-

- Future reports in respect of young carers would include strong evidence of co-production and assurances that the perspectives of young carers were being heard.
- Specific questions in the lifestyle survey collated evidence of the perspective of young carers.
- The young carers specification was being reviewed to ensure the perspective of young carers was included in all reports.
- The young carers service would be co-produced.

#### Rotherham LifeStyle Survey Data Extract from Young Carers in Secondary School-

- 79% of Year Seven respondents (450) said caring for someone did

not affect their school day.

- 81% of Year Ten respondents (329) said caring for someone did not affect their school day.
- 82% of Year Seven respondents (446) said it was very or sometimes important for them to have someone in school who fully understood their caring role and how it affected them.
- 68% of Year Ten respondents (328) said it was very or sometimes important to them to have someone in school who fully understood their caring role and how it affected them.

#### Respite Activities for Young Carers-

- The service was to prioritise provision of leisure and culture activities, for respite for young carers.
- The young carers specification was being reviewed to ensure leisure and culture activities were offered to young carers.
- Barnardo's would continue to be flexible, innovative and responsive to the needs of the young carers in future, issue-based group work would be offered, and young carers would signpost when appropriate to other leisure and culture services.
- Young carers were invited to participate in Rotherham's Capital of Culture programme.

#### Support for Young Carers and Young Adult Carers-

- Young carers and young adult carers undertook a range of tasks to support family members and/or friends. This included shopping, cooking, cleaning, managing medicines or money, providing personal care, helping people to get out of the house, keeping an eye on someone and providing emotional support.
- Barnardo's aimed to promote and improve the health and wellbeing of young carers (and their families where appropriate); by protecting them from undertaking excessive and inappropriate caring roles and responsibilities and preventing the continuation of inappropriate caring.

#### Barnardo's Agreement With Young Carers-

- Under the current funding agreement there were two dedicated project workers within Barnardo's and a Team Manager. They provided:
  - Time limited, one-to-one support where an assessed need of a negative impact was identified.
  - Support to gain a better understanding of the person they care for in terms of illness and/or difficulty.
  - Weekly issue-based group work for up to six weeks, focused around confidence, self-esteem, anger management, stress relaxation, keeping safe, bullying, health, hygiene and first aid training.
  - Access to activities during half term, whilst with the service.
  - Support to aid social inclusion.
  - Support in school to help with attendance and any other difficulty,

which may be identified in the assessment process, to ensure young carers received the appropriate support, to enable them to have the same opportunities as their peers.

- Support was boroughwide and referrals were taken by telephone. Referrals were made through schools, social care, voluntary organisations, and self-referrals.
- Barnardo's were commissioned to work with a select cohort of young carers since 2007.
- It was a small element of the young carers and the young adult carers landscape which they contributed to.
- This agreement was commissioned to support and protect young carers, from the negative impact of undertaking excessive and inappropriate caring roles and responsibilities, preventing the continuation of inappropriate caring.
- The service had an inclusive approach, supporting the family as a whole and working in partnership with other agencies. The aim was to reduce any negative impact of the caring role on children and young people and build on the positive strengths within families, increasing resilience and making a long-term difference.
- They were working with 49 young carers and 2 young adult carers who were individually assessed that their caring role was having a negative impact on them on them physically or emotionally. The assessment criteria used social and emotional drivers, developed by Barnardo's with existing young carers.

#### How Young Carers Were Supported Into Adulthood-

- Under the young carers Barnardo's agreement, support was provided to young adult carers, the service was working with via the following:
  - Attendance at meetings.
  - Supported via attendance and transportation at enrolment days at schools, colleges, and universities.
  - Information stalls at colleges, presentations in schools to staff and students and other services.
  - Referred young people to Crossroads Care which offered support to carers, respite, access to grants and also to Beacon Carers support services, which provided one to one support, counselling, relaxation therapy and group support.
  - Young person's grants were provided through Barnardo's to access equipment and essentials such as school uniform, and to access activities.
  - Cost of living grants.
  - Work with the Higher Education Progression Partnership (HEPP) helped young carers to explore university.
  - There was a gap in service provision for Young Adult Carers in Rotherham between the ages of 18-25 years old, as they transitioned to adulthood and did not feel ready to be part of Adult Services.
  - "No Wrong Doors" was an initiative launched in March 2015 and

there was a template for a local memorandum of understanding between statutory Directors of Children's and Adult Social Services, which was being updated by the Carers Trust UK, to re-invigorate this area of work.

#### What Needed to Change Nationally-

- Carers Trust was a major UK Charity which was for, with and about carers. They worked to improve support, services and recognition for anyone living with the challenges of caring, unpaid, for a family member or friend who was ill, frail, disabled or had mental health or addiction problems.
- In March 2022 571 young carers and young adult carers were surveyed between the age of 12-15 years old. The young carers and young adult carers who shared their thoughts and experiences were clear about the changes required nationally so that they would have the following:
  - Breaks and respite from their caring role and help from services that understood them.
  - Support for their emotional wellbeing and mental health.
  - Help from their place of education and/or employment, so that they could succeed.
  - Connections to friends and communities.
  - Better support for those they cared for.
- As a result, the following was recommended by the UK Charity Carers Trust:
  - More commissioned breaks and time outside of caring.
  - The UK Government, Scottish Government, Welsh Government and the Northern Ireland Executive should monitor how local authorities are meeting their statutory duties to identify and support young carers and young adult carers.
  - Education providers needed to take an integrated approach to support.
  - Prioritised access to mental health support for young carers and young adult carers.
  - Free or discounted leisure and transport.
  - More financial support for young adult carers, the carers allowance should be extended to young adult carers in full-time or higher education.
  - Sustainably fund the wider social care system, by increasing the availability of support provided by statutory sources for the person they cared for.

The Chair thanked the relevant officer for the presentation and invited questions, this led to the following points being raised during discussions:

- The recording of young carers was based on the statutory duty to record young carers, this was newly introduced. The service acknowledged that there was a lot of young carers who were not identified by the statutory reporting that were in place at the time. The Lifestyle Survey helped to identify young carers and the local

authority was holding regular conversations with schools to encourage further identification and referrals of young carers.

- A written response would be provided to members of the Commission, to confirm whether Adult Services prioritised adults who were being cared for by young carers.

**Resolved:-**

- 1) That Members of the Improving Lives Select Commission note the presentation and progress to date.
- 2) That the closed session in relation to this item be rearranged.

**165. WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chair advised that the Commissions Work Programme for 2023-2024 had been completed.

The Work Programme for 2024-2025 would be determined by the new Commission, in the new municipal year.

**166. IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION - SUB AND PROJECT GROUP UPDATES**

The Chair advised that the Preparation for Adulthood Spotlight Review was held on the 15 February 2024 and the following was noted:

- The review very productive and identified that there was a robust partnership element and an imbedded strengths-based approach in place.
- There would be a further meeting on 12 March for members present at the review, to discuss and agree the recommendations and next steps.
- The Chair thanked all attendee's and officers for the attending the Review.

**167. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

**168. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission would take place on 18 June 2024 commencing at 10am in Rotherham Town Hall.

**Resolved:-** That the next meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission take place on 18 June 2024 commencing at 10am in Rotherham Town Hall.