

Summary Sheet

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Improving Lives Select Commission – 29 October 2024

Report Title:

Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership – Annual Report 2023-2024.

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report:

Nicola Curley, Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services

Report Author:

Darren Downs, Independent Chair, Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership

Ward(s) Affected:

All wards

Report Summary:

The annual report of the Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership. The attached report is the final version of the report in terms of content and information, however, it is awaiting finishing touches via the design team such as images and layout. The content is finalised and will not be edited or amended.

Recommendations:

That the ILSC note the contents of the report.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 – RSCP Annual Report 2023-2024

Background Papers:

None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required:

No

Exempt from the Press and Public:

No

Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership – Annual Report 2023-2024

1. Background

- 1.1 The Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership is required to publish an annual report, and the report attached is the 2023-2024 report.
- 1.2 The annual report reflects the Partnership's commitment and achievements, as well as identifying areas that we need to continue to make improvements to, in order to ensure we meet the overarching priorities of being Safe at Home, Safe in the Community and having Safe Safeguarding systems.
- 1.3 The report highlights the developments made by the Partnership in the last year, including the progress of the new delivery groups for Neglect and Safeguarding in Education. It also details the work of the Child Exploitation delivery group and the work of the Performance, Practice and Learning group, and major milestones achieved.
- 1.4 The report touches on plans in the partnership for the future years, and how we plan to continue building and strengthening the partnership further with a focus on exploitation, neglect and safeguarding in education.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The RSCP Annual report highlights and celebrates the work of the partnership throughout the year 2023-24. The year 2023-24 has seen the partnership retain our key principles in respect of Rotherham's children.

- Safe at Home
- Safe in the Community
- Safe Safeguarding Systems

This has been an exciting and active year, in which the partnership has realigned with new strategic priorities for Neglect and Safeguarding in Education – a first of its kind known of in England. This work has been in addition to continuing the well-established Child Exploitation delivery group and workplan. The partnership has also consolidated the quality assurance, training and child safeguarding review process into a new Practice, Performance and Learning Delivery Group. The reports sets out key achievements in this priority areas, such as training delivery and key data which demonstrates the Rotherham context.

Key achievements this year have seen;

- A reduction in children subject of child protection planning and being looked after by the Local Authority
- 5 audit processes – focusing on Early Help, Care leavers (Transitions and Exploitation), Persistent School absence, Early Help – (Joint Targeted Area Inspection preparation), Persistent Youth Violence.
- 975 staff attended training from across the partnership

A vision for partnership activity in 2024-25 and beyond is also provided by the RSCP Independent Scrutineer.

The report is attached in Appendix A

1. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 Not Applicable.

4. Consultation

4.1 The report has been developed across the partnership and all the statutory partners have been consulted and inputted into the report. They have all taken the report through their respective committees for information across the partnership.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 Not Applicable

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

6.1 Not Applicable

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 Not Applicable

8. Human Resources Implications

8.1 Not Applicable

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 These issues are highlighted within the report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Implications

10.1 These issues are highlighted within the report.

11. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

11.1 Publication of this report is the responsibility of the Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership, and the partnership has been fully consulted and involved within the publication.

12. Risks and Mitigation

12.1 Not Applicable

13. Accountable Officer(s)

13.1 Nicola Curley - Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services.

	Named Officer	Date
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services	Not Applicable	
Assistant Director of Legal Services	Not Applicable	
Head of Procurement (If appropriate)	Not Applicable	
Head of Human Resources (If appropriate)	Not Applicable	

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This report will be published on the RSCP's website.