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Dear T

Council Meeting – Wednesday 11th September 2024

Thank you for your question to Council on Wednesday 11th September 2024. I have set out your question and my response below.

When am I going to get the meaningful consultation about my needs that I requested in a petition to the Council in October 2017, after speaking out at the dreadful "six reports" September meeting?

I can advise that as part of the ongoing commitment of the Council to provide support services for CSE victims, two rounds of engagement have been undertaken to support the commissioning of services for victims and survivors of CSE since October 2017. Most recently including the views of people who have used our commissioned services, which took place in early 2024. Earlier this month we committed to further recommission services with an increased budget based on the feedback that victims and survivors have given us.

As you may be aware the current model empowers the voice of the victims/survivors of CSE through the following providers:

GROW at [Grow Project – Women's Organisation in Rotherham & Barnsley \(grow-women.org.uk\)](http://grow-women.org.uk)
ROTHACS at [Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service - How Can We Help? \(rothacs.org.uk\)](http://rothacs.org.uk)
Rotherham Rise at [Welcome - Rotherham Rise](http://rotherhamrise.org.uk)

In addition, The National Association for People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC) are a national organisation who support people who have experienced any kind of childhood abuse, including physical, sexual, emotional, narcissistic, ritualistic and neglect, to act as a voice to victims <https://napac.org.uk>.

My understanding is that services to support you were extended at your request back in 2017. Sadly, it is not possible for the Council to fund all the possible services that residents may wish to see in place and we must prioritise the most commonly needed and hopefully effective support that we can, but if you do feel that something is missing I would of course be happy to receive your representation about that.

Yours sincerely



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