

Improving Lives Select Commission Chair's Briefing for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting on 10th December, 2025

Items covered since the last update meeting:-

- At the Improving Lives meeting on 2nd December, 2025 the following items were considered:-
 1. **Fostering Transformation Programme incorporating the Children and Young People's Services Prevention of Future Death Reports** – Members had the opportunity to review the current Fostering Programme in the light of changing sufficiency needs for children and young people in care in Rotherham. Also incorporated was the response of the Council to the tragic death of Marcia Grant, and the formal Prevention of Future Deaths' report following the inquest in July 2025.
 2. **The Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Assurance Report 2024-2025** – Members received the RSCP report for 2024/25 which provided an update on the key partnership activity during the year, based on the strategic priorities. The impact of the work against these priorities was also demonstrated alongside a summary of any activity by the key partner agencies.

The report also covered what the partnership had done as a result of the arrangements, including Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPR), and how effective these arrangements have been in practice.

Work programme 2025-26 updates:-

- **Threshold of Need (part of the Looked After Children and Care Leavers Sufficiency Strategy)**
A dedicated dual workshop session is being arranged, which will include a visit to the Rotherham Parent Carers Forum at the Eric Manns Building. The session will focus on reviewing the vision and plans, amplifying the voice of the community and assessing the impact of collaborative work with partners.
- **PAUSE Project**
A workshop is in the process of being arranged for late February/early March looking at support available for women who have had one or more child removed, following cessation of the PAUSE Project.
- **Children's Capital of Culture Workshop - Impact and Legacy for Children and Young People**
A workshop is in the process of being arranged for late March/early April looking at Impact and Legacy for Children and Young People.
- **Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan/Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report**
This is included on the agenda for the Health Select Commission on 22nd January, 2026. An invitation has been extended to include any interested Improving Lives Select Commission Members.

- **Trauma and Children Missing Education Scrutiny Review**

The scope of this review received further consideration on 1st December, 2025 and will now be taken forward and scheduled.

Items to be discussed at the next and future meetings:-

10 February 2026

- Ofsted Inspection Outcome
- Educational Attainment Update

28 April 2026

- SACRE Annual Report (for information)
- Children Not in School Update
- Community Cohesion Projects Update