

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet
2.	Date:	17th December 2014
3.	Title:	RLSCB Child Sexual Exploitation Action Plan 2014/15 2nd Quarter report <i>(All Wards)</i>
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

This report highlights the progress made in the delivery of the Rotherham CSE Strategy and Action plan in the second quarter of 2014/15 and the next steps across the three key priorities of Prevent, Protect and Pursue.

6. Recommendations

- **For cabinet to note progress and endorse the further development areas**
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7. Proposals and Details

Rotherham's Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Strategy is a three year plan published in April 2013 accompanied by a multi-agency delivery action plan. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is recognised nationally as one of the most important challenges facing agencies today. It has a serious long term and lasting impact on every aspect of a child or young person's life including their health, physical and emotional wellbeing, educational attainment, personal safety, relationships, and future life opportunities.

Since its publication Cabinet have received regular quarterly reports on the delivery of the multi-agency delivery action plan.

Cabinet considered the Jay Report on 3rd September, 2014. 15 recommendations were identified by Professor Jay and Cabinet requested a further 4. All of these have been incorporated into the CSE Action Plan and will be reported on in future progress reports to the LSCB and Cabinet.

During September the council underwent an inspection of children's services and were also one of eight authorities subject to a Thematic Inspection of CSE by Ofsted.

Although this report focuses on progress achieved between June – September 2014, additional content and information on key development activity since the report publication has also been included.

The findings from the eight Thematic inspections were published in a single report on the 19th November. The report discusses good and poor practice across the eight authorities chosen but not identify any detail to a specific authority. The report has highlighted 20 recommendations for all Local Authorities, their partners and Local Safeguarding Boards to take forward. These recommendations are currently being considered and any newly identified issues will be incorporated into the existing action plan

LEADERSHIP

Cross Cutting across Prevent, Protect and Pursue

Strategic Action 1: The RLSCB will improve the clarity of governance and strengthen leadership arrangements to ensure an effective multi-agency response to CSE

Achievements

Implementation of a central Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (known as a MASH) for children and young people has commenced. With activity during September to co-locate the CSE Team, other Public Protection Unit officers, voluntary and community service colleagues, health representatives, integrated youth service support workers and social services Contact and Referral Team at Riverside House. This will allow improved joint working not only for CSE but also for Domestic Abuse, anti-social behaviour and the wider safeguarding children agenda. Following co-location the second phase of implementation will be to bring together separate multiple agency processes into a single MASH process to improve efficiencies, achieve consistency and ensure all partners are responding together effectively to safeguard children. Lessons learnt and recommendations from the recent inspection of children's social care is informing the development of these multi-agency processes.

Multi-agency Performance Data and Information continues to be developed, collated and published within a monthly tactical team briefing document and shared at both the CSE Operational Managers group and the Safeguarding Board CSE Sub-Group.

The data is alongside narrative on current police operations, good news stories and details of children deemed the highest risk. From this the groups can discuss, challenge and jointly address any issues arising either in the service or on individual cases. The narrative around the children, young people and perpetrators also gives the team opportunity to describe 'impact' where the activity data alone does not provide a qualified picture.

Following the Jay report it was recognised that additional capacity would be needed to deliver post abuse support to victims of CSE. The Leader of the Council announced September, 2014 that £120,000 had been made available for the period until March 2015 and would be utilised to provide an immediate response. This is short term funding until 31st March, 2015 whilst a future service model was being developed to commission post abuse service for the longer term from 1st April, 2015.

The NHS Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group (Rotherham CCG) have committed an additional £250K and the Safer Rotherham Partnership £80K for additional Independent Domestic Violence Adviser capacity.

It has been agreed that from January 2015 the Independent Chair of the Rotherham LSCB will also take on the responsibility of chairing the CSE Sub-Group, this will increase the independence, challenge and scrutiny of partners involvement.

Next Steps

Work has started on the completion of a CSE Needs Analysis. Led by a Public Health consultant, the multi-agency document aims are;

- To understand the scale and nature of child sexual exploitation in Rotherham
- To understand the needs of victims (child and adult, current and historic)
- To understand the triggers, motivations and needs of perpetrators
- To make evidence based recommendations to inform the development, provision and commissioning of services and programmes to prevent CSE, protect victims and pursue perpetrators

Following recent independent reviews and inspections the remit and responsibilities of the CSE Team are currently being reviewed and a new statement of purpose is being drafted. This will be a key document which will inform both future resourcing decisions and help to clarify how we as a partnership work together to safeguard children and young people from the risks of CSE.

We are awaiting the outcomes and findings of a College of Policing peer review which will need to be considered within the RLSCB improvement plan which is being finalised and will incorporate CSE related actions.

PREVENT

Making it more difficult to exploit children

Strategic Action 2: The RLSCB will deliver an effective co-ordinated training, community and schools awareness programme through a multi-agency "Learning, Development and Awareness Strategy"

Achievements

CSE is clearly incorporated within the RLSCB training and development framework both in specialist targeted courses and through additional content within existing safeguarding awareness workshops. Staff are encouraged to attend the appropriate level of training for their role based on their responsibilities and amount of direct interaction with children, young people and families. A team briefing was issued in September explaining to all RMBC staff how they could access training via the RLSCB.

This includes a CSE e-learning package which became live in September. The e-learning materials are aimed at parents, carers and "Group 1" of the workforce, which the LSCB defines as "staff/volunteers in infrequent contact with children, young people and/or parents/carers who may become aware of possible abuse or neglect." This will apply to staff across all partner agencies. Individuals are required to self-register for this package, and will be able to print a certificate of completion which can then be kept on personal files and/or shared with their agency training department. The e-learning can be accessed via the LSCB website where details of other training opportunities are also published.

The e-learning package can only currently analyse on where the user lives, so may not necessarily include the Rotherham workforce. However Rotherham has the highest number of self registrants in the City Region so far. 1136 users live in the Rotherham which represents 74% of the total registrants for the City Region total of 1541. (*The City Region includes; Sheffield, Barnsley, Doncaster & Bassetlaw, Rotherham and Chesterfield*).

Between April and September over 218 staff attended multi-agency training including 29 foster carers. This is an increase on the number training within the same period in 2013/14 which was 115.

557 Young People have been involved in CSE education programmes led by the CSE teams in schools. An additional 695 young people working with our Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) on informal curriculum sessions related to CSE.

Next Steps

Following ongoing successful engagement with secondary and primary schools, the Healthy Schools Co-ordinator and CSE Team project worker are working with Special Schools and Pupil referral units to develop CSE awareness and education materials appropriate for their individual cohorts of children.

All Rotherham Police supervisors are undergoing LSCB CSE training to refresh their knowledge.

Strategic Action 3: The RLSCB will deliver targeted communications to ensure consistent and accurate messages are shared with all, in support of public awareness and improved confidence in delivery

Achievements

The RMBC media and communication team continues to work with partners to co-ordinate responses to the high volume of queries and requests from the media following the Jay report.

The Voluntary Sector Consortium has been commissioned to build awareness in the community including hard-to-reach groups and parents. A conference was held for over 100 delegates from the VCS sector to build understanding across the sector and to identify what they can do as individual organisations and collectively to support the CSE agenda in Rotherham. In addition their CSE Community awareness programme workshop design is complete and staff are fully trained for delivery over the next few months. Full evaluation of programme is expected by in March 2015.

Although not within this reporting period there are two significant media and communication campaigns which were launched during the week commencing 24th November;

“Rotherham Standing Together Against Child Sexual Exploitation” was launched at the New York Stadium on 24th November. Businesses, voluntary groups and public bodies in Rotherham are joining forces and lending their support to a borough-wide campaign to keep children safe. The first organisations to pledge their support have already committed to raise awareness and understanding amongst their staff and volunteers, and to make a public pledge to stand against CSE. The campaign is closely tied to an associated website, www.rotherhamstandingtogether.org.uk, where organisations and individuals can sign up at the click of a mouse and will be able to access a range of resources being developed. They can also submit enquiries about how to access training, find out how to spot the signs and report concerns. Further details are then sent about how the organisation can become involved.

By signing the pledge, organisations and individuals effectively commit to:-

- Take a stand against child sexual exploitation in Rotherham
- Show your public support for the pledge by displaying the pledge sticker, including details of how anyone can report concerns
- Making sure your staff or volunteers understand how child sexual exploitation can happen - and know how to report it

The second campaign is “Spot The Signs”, backed by the Police and Crime Commissioner and organisations across South Yorkshire, this is the second phase of the “Say Something If You See Something” campaign which was launched in Rotherham earlier this year. The campaign focuses on the signs of child sexual exploitation and raises awareness of the reporting/support options available to those who feel they, or someone they know, may be a victim of the crime or are in a vulnerable position. Messaging is around encouraging the audience to look out for the signs, and the reporting/support mechanisms available. A suite of artwork portrays each of the 14 signs of child sexual exploitation:

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| 1. Physical injuries | 8. Drug or alcohol misuse |
| 2. Involvement in offending | 9. Evidence of sexual bullying |
| 3. Thoughts of or attempts at suicide | 10. Recruiting others into exploitative situations |
| 4. Receipt of gifts from unknown sources | 11. Online abuse |
| 5. Withdrawn from family | 12. Self-harm |
| 6. Absence from school | 13. Missing from home or care |
| 7. Poor mental health | 14. Repeat pregnancy terminations |

Next Steps

The Community Engagement Strategy specific for CSE will be finalised. This focuses on the Jay report recommendation to improve direct and frequent engagement with women and men from the minority ethnic communities.

Data Summary - PREVENT					
MEASURE	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15		Direction of Travel (Qtr to Qtr)
			1 st Qtr (end of June)	2 nd Qtr (end of Sept)	
Numbers attending training and/or awareness raising Events					
Police Supervising Officers trained in CSE	110	0	0	0	➔
Ward Members trained in CSE	45	15	0	0	➔
Senior Managers trained in CSE	19	0	0	0	➔
Staff undertaken multi-agency training on CSE	171	48	0	0	➔
Multi-agency staff trained on the lessons learned from the Child 'S' Serious Case Review	175	37	0	0	➔
Ward Members attended 'one off' Local Government Yorkshire and the Humber conference	36	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators trained	-	24	0	0	➔
Parish Councillors trained	-	11	0	14	⬆
RMBC - CYPS Staff	-	48	9	18	⬆

Data Summary - PREVENT

MEASURE	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15		Direction of Travel (Qtr to Qtr)
			1 st Qtr (end of June)	2 nd Qtr (end of Sept)	
RDASH	-	-	7	20	↑
NHS Rotherham / TRFT (Hospital)	-	40	16	39	↑
Schools Staff and Governors	-	71	3	11	↑
Voluntary or independent organisations	-	29	11	12	↑
Health Other	-	4	0	10	↑
RMBC Other	-	2	1	21	↑
Local Business representatives	-	58	6	0	↓
Early Years (children's centres, childminders etc)	-	0	1	6	↑
South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue	-	0	1	0	↑
	-	-	0	29	↑
TOTAL	556	411	48	170	↑
Number attending 'Train the Trainer' courses	0	8	0	0	→
CSE Team – Training and awareness of Children and Young People					
Number of pupils involved in CSE education work	911	1320	456	101	↓ (school hols)
Number of awareness and promotional events	Not collected	Not collected	3	0	↓
Number of young people engaged in awareness and promotional events	Not collected	Not collected	250	0	No events
IYSS Awareness Raising via Informal Curriculum sessions					
Number of sessions with young people on 'Relationships'	Not collected	2207	221*	177	↓
Number of sessions with young people on 'Sexual Health'	Not collected	750	149*	54	↓
Number of sessions with young people on 'CSE'	Not collected	252	40*	54	↑
Youth Start attendances for;					
Sexual Health	Not collected	1181	0	152	↑
Sex and Relationship Education	Not collected	1239	0	206	↑

The contents of the data and performances will continue to be developed and therefore measures may change/expand in the future.

*data amended since previous report

Please note awareness raising in schools and with young people is likely to be affected by seasonal trends ie School Holiday periods

PROTECT

Identifying and safeguarding children who are at risk

Strategic Action 4: The RLSCB will continue to review the effectiveness of single and multi-agency processes and procedures to ensure they are effective, efficient and fit for purpose to support the protection of children and young people from the risks and impact of CSE

Achievements

The local 'CSE Framework for Professionals' was published in September. This brings together a range of existing information and tools into a single reference document for partnership staff. However as part of the post inspection and Jay report improvement work the contents will be revisited in the New Year to reflect the new CSE Team Statement of Purpose (currently being drafted) and any other new service developments.

The CSE Risk assessment tool was further developed by the Rotherham CSE Team and rolled out sub-regionally in September. The tool now enables better tracking of progress for individual children and enables professional judgment to be recorded and override the risk scoring system on cases where the multi-agency meeting has deemed appropriate.

In the second quarter there was an increase in the workload of the CSE Team which, in part, may be due to the increased awareness following the publication of the Jay Report.

The number of CSE contacts into children's social care increased from 67 in the first quarter of the year to 82 in the second quarter (an 18% increase). These 82 contacts related to concerns relating to 79 individual young people. 36(44%) of these contacts led to a referral for assessment, which is an increase on the first quarter of 27%. And 17 assessments were completed within this time frame, almost double the number in the first three months (the remaining assessments are ongoing).

The number of social care cases being led by the CSE team has increased from 47 at the end of June to 58 at the end of September, this has increased further to 73 at the end of October (55% increase since June). In addition, at the end of October, a further 18 cases were being led by a worker in another social care team but supported by the CSE team due to identified risks.

Unfortunately without a national dataset we are unable to benchmark these performance statistics with other local authorities.

The revised missing person protocol has been completed and published in September. Reported incidents of runaways or those going missing from home has reduced since quarter 1 from 315 to 240 incidences in quarter 2. However the number of children going missing has increased from 114 to 134. This is because

there has been an increase in the number of children and young people going missing for a single instance.

In the first six months of this year Safe@Last have received 378 referrals relating to 228 children. 28 of the young people engaged in a return to home interview with the service.

The appointment of a new safeguarding officer post within the CYPS Safeguarding Unit to focus on vulnerable group children has been agreed and is currently being recruited to. This post will primarily focus on children at risk of CSE and those who are at risk of missing from care.

In response to the increase in demand an extra police sergeant and plus five officers have been made available to the CSE Team. Demand is being monitored and further additional police officers will be made available if required.

Next Steps

As the CSE team is reviewing its Statement of Purpose the previously reported developments relating to information for young people and their families receive at first point of contact is on hold until the New Year.

Colleagues in the Health community are working together to review their own potential CSE pathways and how these can be improved (including pharmacists, school nurses, substance misuse services and Genitourinary medicine). This work is being progressed alongside the CSE analysis of need by the Public Health consultant.

The Rotherham LSCB is currently reviewing their Quality Assurance resourcing and capacity. It is proposed that the current 0.5 Full Time Equivalent post is increased to a full time member of staff. (This post will support across the whole Children's Safeguarding agenda not just CSE).

Strategic Action 5: We will ensure there is effective protection, support and guidance for victims and potential victims of Child Sexual Exploitation

Achievements

As outlined in the 'Leadership' section of this report. In September the Leader of the Council identified £120,000 as an immediate response for post abuse support for victims of CSE until March 2015. This was to increase the capacity across the voluntary and community sector for counselling and support to survivors in a family context. The organisations awarded the funding are:-

- GROW - £20,000.
- Rotherham Women's Counselling Service (RWCS)/Pit Stop for Men - £20,000.
- South Yorkshire Community Foundation (SYCF) - £20,000.

Following a 'request to quote' which provided an opportunity for the wider voluntary and community sector to apply for funding to build capacity, Rotherham Women's Counselling Service have been awarded a further £21k.

The request to quote is still live providing an opportunity for the voluntary and community sector organisations to apply for funding up to £27,346.

Next Steps

Phase 1 of the CSE analysis of need will focus on establishing the short and longer term support needs of victims to inform commissioning processes to ensure appropriate services are in place post March 2015.

The interim self-referral pathway (until end of March 2015) is to establish a coordinator role, employed within IYSS, and based with YouthStart, to develop a 'service neutral front door'. This is to help mitigate the risk and impact of the public's current loss in confidence in the 'authorities'. This post is currently being recruited to.

As part of the ongoing work to ensure that victims of Child Sexual Exploitation have access to the right support, a free help line number and email address is being established. It will be branded: "Rotherham's CSE post abuse support helpline provided by NSPCC" and will have a dedicated email and telephone Freephone number (rotherhamcsesupport@NSPCC.org.uk and 0800 7319256)

Data Summary - PROTECT					
MEASURE	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15		Direction of Travel (Qtr to Qtr)
			1 st Qtr (end of June)	2 nd Qtr (end of Sept)	
CSE Team Workload					
Cases currently open to social care CSE Team (as at end of reporting period)	69	51	47	58	↑
Number of the above who are boys (as at end of reporting period)	-	6	5	3	↓
Cases open to CSE Team parenting officer (as at end of reporting period)	<i>Was included in open cases</i>	5	5	2	↓
Number of other open cases the CSE Team also co-work or support (as at end of reporting period)	<i>Not measured</i>	51	44	26	↓
Number of contacts made to social services regarding CSE	437	161	65	82	↑
Number of children the above contacts relate to	212	146	64	79	↑
Number of contacts leading to a referral	129	146	18	36	↑
Number of children the above referrals relate to	119	84	18	36	↑
Number of Social Care Assessments completed by the CSE Team	17	89	16*	17	↑

Data Summary - PROTECT

MEASURE	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15		Direction of Travel (Qtr to Qtr)
			1 st Qtr (end of June)	2 nd Qtr (end of Sept)	
Barnardos (started Dec 13)					
Number of cases currently open to Barnardo's outreach work (Rotherham only) <i>(as at end of reporting period)</i>	n/a	10	10	-	↓
New Referrals (Barnardo's)	n/a	15	4	4	→
Closed cases (Barnardo's)	n/a	4	3	1	↓
Runaways/Missing					
Number of reported incidences of children running away from home or care	338	279	315	240	↓
Number of children the above runaway incidences relate to	121	125	114	134	↑
Safe@Last					
NEW – Number of individuals who contacted Safe@Last frontline services <i>(inc. helpline calls, text, web chats)</i>	-	-	73	232	↑
Referrals to Safe@Last	-	230	229	158	
Number of children in the above referrals to Safe@Last	-	87	111	117	↑
NEW - Number of referrals who engaged with Safe@last	-	-	15	13	↓
Return interviews following 'runaway'	-	36	31	28	↓
Safe@last follow up visits	-	166*	73	71	↓
NEW - Number of children involved in with Safe@Last	-	-	111	127	↑
NEW – Number of households in contact with Safe@Last support worker	-	-	21	30	↑
NEW – Number of parents/carers in contact with Safe@Last support worker	-	-	22	30	↑
GROW INVOLVE					
Young People referred to the project	Project s were not running in 2012/13	5	8	3	↓
Young people engaged in the project		5	8	3	↓
Young People currently receiving support <i>(as at end of reporting period)</i>		23	22	18	↓
Families referred to the project		0	0	0	→
Families engaged in the project		0	0	0	→
Families currently receiving support <i>(as at end of reporting period)</i>		5	0	0	→

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PURSUE

Identifying offenders, disrupting and stopping their activity

Strategic Action 6: The RLSCB will work together to proactively identify and disrupt places of CSE activity

Achievements

The monthly tactical team briefing document continues to allow members of the Operational Manager's group to share and review any new information and intelligence enabling Police, the CSE Team and partners to respond appropriately.

Intelligence colleagues within the Police have locally developed and introduced a specific CSE suspect risk assessment and Disruption Plans. 167 individuals have been assessed with 32 scoring as high risk.

The details of these high risk individuals are shared across the force via their iBrief system along with the relevant intelligence requirements. The Offender Management Unit has ownership of these suspects and will oversee further direction and disruption plans for them. Partners are contributing to these disruption plans via the multi-agency operational managers group (Silver). Using their single agency statutory powers partners will feed into the above plans to work together to jointly disrupt CSE activity for the high risk. For example; Premises Licensing, Fire and Safety checks, Taxi licensing checks.

As previously reported to members in addition to case level work Rotherham Police are also involved in a number of on-going live operations, some of which are being led by neighbouring authorities.

A summary of ongoing operations as at the end of October is shared below, however further details of live investigations are confidential:

- Operation Crucible – A local intelligence operation on a suspected venue of criminal activity, some of which linked to CSE. The building owners were not aware of the problems surrounding the building and following a meeting with the police took immediate action to remove the tenants and close the building down. Monitoring is in place to identify movement to other buildings.
- Operation Makesafe – this is an ongoing national operation in relation to hotels and gives training to hotel staff to help them identify incidents of CSE. It has led to a number of charges following an incident at a local hotel.
- Operation Clover – This operation is being run by the Major Investigation Team (MIT) and is investigation historical CSE from the early 2000s. This involves a number of potential perpetrators and a significant potential number of victims. 3 people have been arrested and are on police bail.

- Operation Marshall – Commenced at the end of August 2014 to collate all complaints that arise from the release of the Alexis Jay report. This is a force wide operation and not just related to Rotherham.
- Operation Mark – Historical investigation, where the suspects at the time were based in Rotherham. At this time there is no intelligence to show that any of the suspects are currently engaged in CSE.
- Operation Meadow – Force wide investigation by the CSE historical team into activities of any person who has been reported missing on more than one occasion to see if there were any missed opportunities for prosecuting CSE.

Next Steps

The Operational Managers Group are working together to ensure the intelligence collection for new CSE disruption plan process is further developed and embedded. All high risk suspects will be subject to the process, with attention first given to the ten highest risk individuals.

Strategic Action 7: We will ensure perpetrators are brought to justice

Achievements

The CSE Police Analyst completed a full analysis of the Police response to CSE in the last 12 months. The following is a summary of the key facts from the analysis.

For the 12 month period, 1st November 2013 to 31st October 2014, 12% (173) of the 1462 Child Protection Referrals to Rotherham police were CSE related. A breakdown of these by police classifications is provided below

- 55 referrals that have been classified as “Child Abuse – Sexual Exploitation” (average of 1.1 per week)
- 117 referrals that have been classified as “Child Concern – Sexual Exploitation” (average of 2.2 per week)
- 1 referral that has been classified as “Alleged against Professional – Sexual Exploitation” (numbers are too small to create a meaningful average per week)

The following is a breakdown of CSE Offenders (including Suspects) in Rotherham, based on Gender and Ethnicity and have been taken from recorded crimes, which were recorded as CSE crimes in Rotherham, during the period 1st November 2013 to 31st October 2014.

Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total	% of total by Ethnicity
ASIAN		15	15	23.8%
MIDDLE EASTERN		3	3	4.8%

Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total	% of total by Ethnicity
UNKNOWN		3	3	4.8%
WHITE - NORTH EUROPEAN	2	36	38	62.2%
WHITE - SOUTH EUROPEAN		4	4	6.3%
Total	2 <i>(3% of total)</i>	61 <i>(97% of total)</i>	63	

In the 12 week period, since the date Professor Alex Jay's report was published, (26th August 2014), up to 18th November 2014, the average per week for "Child Abuse – Sexual Exploitation" referrals has dropped to 0.9 per week. However the average per week for those classified as "Child Concern – Sexual Exploitation" as increased to 4.1 per week. There were been:

- 11 new referrals that have been classified as "Child Abuse – Sexual Exploitation", an average of 0.9 a week. (There are still 7 open as investigations).
- 49 new referrals that have been classified as "Child Concern – Sexual Exploitation", an average of 4.1 a week. (There are still 27 open as an investigation).

There have been 26 Investigations that have resulted in a Prosecution. Of these; There are 21 investigations that have resulted in a successful conviction, 3 are Charged awaiting trial and 1 has been found Not Guilty at court and 1 resulted in a Caution.

The 26 investigations relate to 24 offenders. Of these; There are 20 offenders that have been successfully convicted, 3 are Charged and currently awaiting trial, and 1 has been found Not Guilty. Of the 20 convicted 2 are awaiting sentencing.

There are 8 offenders that have been found guilty and sentenced to Imprisonment ranging from 8 months to 15 years. One offender was originally sentenced to 6 years imprisonment, and on appeal because of leniency, was recently increased to 12 years. One offender was issued with a Risk of Sexual Harm Order, which is a civil order, not criminal.

Most of the Offenders were Male and there were 2 Female Offenders, one was given 8 years imprisonment and the other was given a Risk of Sexual Harm Order.

Offenders which were prosecuted in the last 12 months committed their offences in various locations across and Rotherham and surrounding areas. Dinnington, Maltby and Kimberworth were where more than one offence was committed.

Data from prosecutions, during the 12 month period 1st October to 30th September 2014, shows that 80% of offenders lived in Rotherham, but that they also lived in other locations including Sheffield, York, Bradford and Middlesbrough.

There are many challenges when prosecuting CSE offences. Commonly these are; lack of forensic evidence, lack of engagement in the investigation by the victim and time delay in the complaint. Based on the date of the initial referral received on CATS, the average time from referral to prosecution was 20 months. This is not ideal, but this is due to the complexities of CSE cases, and some of these identified challenges.

Next Steps

The CSE Subgroup has been actively seeking engagement of the Crime Prosecution Service within the Rotherham LSCB strategy and action plan. Unfortunately representatives have not been able to attend scheduled meetings therefore an extraordinary meeting of the Sub-Group is to be held to focus on developments and partnership working with the Crime Prosecution Service.

Data Summary - PURSUE

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MEASURE	2013/14	2014/15		Direction of Travel (Qtr to Qtr)
		1 st Qtr (end of June)	2 nd Qtr (end of Sept)	
CSE Team				
Current High Risk Children / Young People (as at end of reporting period)	6*	6	8	↑
Current Open Referrals on Case Administration and Tracking System (CATS) (as at end of reporting period)	44	54	49	↓
New Referrals on CATS	34	30	44	↑
GAAP Meetings held (to review progress of cases)	3	1	5	↑
Referrals completed/finalised	105	79	68	↓
Arrests	23	12	14	↑
Interviews under caution	41	15	23	↑
Victim / Witness interviews	35	5	5	→
Forensic submissions	13 (last qtr only)	13	28	↑
Currently on police bail (as at end of reporting period)	3	18	7	↓
Currently on remand (as at end of reporting period)	1	1	1	→
Charged with on offence	5	4	0	↓
Prosecutions	5	2	3	↑
Abduction notices served	17	11	24	↑
Joint visits	32	16	29	↑
Risk Assessments	37	27	38	↑
Joint Investigations	13 (last qtr only)	7	0	↓
MISPER Incidents at Risk of CSE (missing young people)	66 (last qtr only)	82	45	↓
High Risk CSE Misper Incidents (missing young people)	2 (last qtr only)	0	0	→
New - Intelligence Reports Input	-	56	98	↑
Police				
Recorded Crimes	15 (last qtr only)	10*	38	↑
Total Positive Outcomes	5 (last qtr only)	10*	38	↑

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MEASURE	2013/14	2014/15		Direction of Travel (Qtr to Qtr)
		1 st Qtr (end of June)	2 nd Qtr (end of Sept)	
Total Charge summons	5 (last qtr only)	4*	Not currently available	Not currently available
Total Other outcomes	0 (last qtr only)	1		
Outcome Rate	33%	40%*		

The contents of the data and performances will continue to be developed and therefore measures may change/expand in the future.

**data amended since previous report*

8. Finance

Below is a summary as at the end of June. CSE Budgets and funding are currently under review following the publication of the Alexis Jay Report and Ofsted Thematic Inspection.

Summary of Direct Costs of Partner Financial Contributions in support of CSE Services in Rotherham

Services with identifiable direct costs	ACTUAL 2013/14	PROPOSED 2014/15
Rotherham MBC - Child Sexual Exploitation Team	274	276
Rotherham MBC - Integrated Youth Support Service*	810	759
South Yorkshire Police*	1,190	1,305
Rotherham Foundation Trust	2	-
Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber (RDASH) NHS Foundation Trust*	-	12
TOTAL	2,276	2,352

**These costs are a best estimate of the direct cost and proposed costs of services directly supporting Rotherham CSE*

Other Indirect Contributions in support of CSE Service

for which it is not possible to determine exact costs as they are part of a wider team and service

Rotherham Hospital Foundation Trust	<p>Assessing all elements of potential risks posed to children/young people who access SARC or Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) services and putting preventative actions in place as a result. There is representation and commitment from the Trust at both the CSE Sub Group and Multi Agency Operational Managers Group.</p> <p>SARC Operational staff work closely with the CSE Team and the Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advisor is a member of the Group Assessment and Progress meetings where discussions are held on high risk cases and any cases where there are concerns that the level of risk is increasing.</p>
NHS England	<p>NHS England does not offer direct financial support to Local Safeguarding Boards, but does offer other forms of support. NHS England is well represented and involved within the CSE and children's safeguarding agenda both locally and regionally. The Director of Nursing & Quality is the health representative on the SY CSE Group, the Assistant Director of Nursing represents NHS England on the CSE Sub Group and the Patient Experience Manager represents NHS England on RSCB.</p> <p>In addition the South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Safeguarding Forum which brings together Designated Nurses/ Dr's and CSE is a standing agenda item for this meeting.</p> <p>The above involvement ensures an increased awareness in relation to CSE issues and enables the messages to get out to frontline staff. It is also a vehicle for carrying out pieces of work across the SY footprint and sharing good practice.</p>
NHS Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	<p>NHS Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is committed to supporting the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) agenda from the perspective of a commissioner of health services. Rotherham CCG includes CSE within its contracts with providers, embedded within the training requirements of the safeguarding standards, which are monitored via the contract review process. Senior CCG staff have attended multi-agency CSE awareness sessions and a SYP event. The CCG Chief Nurse attends the CSE sub group and the CCG Head of Safeguarding attends the CSE Silver Group. The CCG Chief Nurse, Head of Safeguarding and Named GPs attend the Rotherham Safeguarding Boards</p>

	<p>(RLSCB & RSAB).</p> <p>The CCG together with other safeguarding professional across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw have developed a GP Safeguarding Vulnerable People Policy which has been circulated to GP practices, this includes the Child Sexual Exploitation Warning Signs Vulnerabilities Check List.</p> <p>During May 2014 Rotherham CCG organised and facilitated an away day for all Rotherham senior safeguarding professionals, the CSE action plan was updated as part of this event and a short term, task and finish group set up to identify health service gaps in relation to CSE. In November 2014 a Protected Learning Time event for GP practice staff is dedicated to safeguarding and includes CSE as one of the topics to be covered. Rotherham CCG, together with NHS England and other safeguarding professional across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, are facilitating a National CSE event in September 2014.</p>
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9. Risks and Uncertainties

The Independent Inquiry report and Ofsted inspection reports have been published and have attracted extensive national and international interest. The authority is still undergoing intense scrutiny from external regulatory agencies and media.

A new strategic leadership team is in place to take forward the improvement work. Additional issues and recommendations may arise through the Corporate Governance Inspection and related police inspections.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Keeping children and young people safe and therefore the eradication of CSE is one of the highest priorities in the key strategies of the Council, the Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children's Board (RLSCB), the Safer Rotherham Partnership and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

There remains no national performance framework for CSE. In its absence the local multi-agency Performance Framework which accompanies the CSE Strategy and Action Plan will continue to develop to ensure that accurate, timely and meaningful information about key aspects of CSE and safeguarding children and young people is collated and used to inform practice.

If new government guidance on the collection of data relating to CSE is developed it will be incorporated in the performance data; which will be presented to members as part of the regular updates on performance.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

- Independent inquiry to review the previous ways of working and outcomes of CSE cases which were open between 1997 to January 2013 – Professor Alexis Jay (August 2014)

- RLSCB Chair Review of Rotherham's response to CSE (December 2013)
- OCC Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Gangs and Groups Final Report (November 2013)
- Barnardo's Rotherham Practice Review (November 2013)
- HMIC Review of South Yorkshire Police Response to CSE 2013
- RLSCB Child Sexual Exploitation Action Plan 6 Month Progress Report (presented to members 6th November)
- Reports to Cabinet on 28th June, 3rd July, 18th September, 5th February and 9th July 2013
- LGA publication, June 2013 'How councils are raising awareness of child sexual exploitation'
- RLSCB CSE Strategy 2013-2016
- Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham 1997-2013 Alexis Jay OBE
- Report to Cabinet on 3rd September - Response to the Independent Report prepared by Alexis Jay

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