

<b>ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL</b>
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1.	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Children, Young People and Families Partnership</b>
2.	<b>Date:</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> January 2015</b>
3.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Children and Young People's Plan – 3<sup>rd</sup> Progress Report</b>
4.	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Children and Young People's Services</b>

#### **5. Summary:**

The current version of the partnership Children and Young People's Plan (2013-16) (CYPP) is based on a "plan on a page" style and has been in place for almost 2 years. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> monitoring report being presented to the partnership and this time is by exception and presented as a highlight report instead of the detailed action plan which has been submitted to previous meetings.

Progress is reported against each of the 7 priorities in the CYPP

#### **6. Recommendations:**

- (i) The Partnership receive the 3<sup>rd</sup> monitoring report against the Children and Young People's Plan ( CYPP)**
- (ii) The Partnership agree to undertake a formal review the structure and content of the plan earlier than originally planned to ensure that it is aligned to the current improvements in CYPS arising since the publication of both the Alexis Jay and the OFSTED inspection report.**

## **7. Proposals and Details:**

The current version of the Children and Young People's Plan (2013-16) was developed by the Children, Young People and Families Partnership in 2013 and was based on a "plan on a page" style.

The original six priorities and progress made against these in the last six months has been:

### **7.1 We will ensure children have the best start in life**

#### What's working well

- An increase in the uptake of school meals, currently 21,500 meals per day, rising from 18,000 in November 2013
- Take-up of 2 year old early education in the Autumn term was one of the highest in the country (78%). A marketing plan has been produced with the corporate marketing team and a programme of promotional activity is in place to increase this further.
- Currently 96% of all children under 5 and their family are registered with a Children's Centre
- 919 children out of 978 achieved weight loss who accessed weight management services (93%)
- The development of The Best Start Service is well underway working jointly with partners developing services for children 0-5 and their families around the remaining children's centres from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015

#### 7.2 What we are concerned about

- There are concerns in relation to the increasing number of children in reception and year 6 who are overweight or obese, of those children measured, both saw an increase from the previous year and are higher than Yorkshire and Humber and National Comparators.
- The work to progress midwives in Rotherham consistently and accurately assessing levels of alcohol consumption during pregnancy by the use of the screening tool Audit C has been delayed due to the late start of the alcohol project in the hospital

### **7.3 We will engage with parents and families**

#### What's working well

- Further work has taken place to embed the "Rotherham Charter" and to continue the co-production and commitment to genuine partnership working with young people and their families
- A group of parents are involved in refining the Rotherham Charter for Early Years Settings
- Work is underway to pilot a "Young Inspectors" group of young people who will work with services to carry out quality assurance and inspection activity

#### 7.4 What we are concerned about

- In September, OFSTED inspectors found that the voices and experiences of the most vulnerable children were not routinely heard in Rotherham and that their views and wishes and feelings were not always taken into account when planning services, work is already under way to address this.

#### **7.5 We will reduce harm to children and young people who are exposed to domestic abuse, alcohol / substance misuse and neglect**

##### What's working well

- A substance misuse scenario was delivered during September and October 2014 by Know The Score staff to those young people from Rotherham Schools from Year 6 attending the Crucial Crew events at Hellaby.
- Alcohol awareness week pack development is underway with themed days that can be delivered by any partner
- Know The Score (KTS) specialist young people's drug and alcohol service has been fully transferred as planned to the Child and Adolescence Mental Health Services (CAMHS) team.
- Domestic Abuse awareness raising continues in Rotherham secondary schools and information now included in the Personal, Health and Social Education, (PHSE) curriculum for primary schools around "Expect Respect"
- Early Help Support Panel established and will be reviewed as part of the Early Help Strategy refresh in 2015.

#### 7.6 What we are concerned about

- In relation to adult substance misuse services needing to ensure that appropriate safeguarding checks are undertaken, the most recent audits completed have shown a slight decrease in performance highlighting a slight downshift since the original audit in 2012.

#### **7.7 We will work with partners to eradicate child sexual exploitation**

##### What's working well

- Partners have recently co-located to work together around the safeguarding children agenda including the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Team. This will progress to the development of a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).
- Work has started on the completion of a CSE Needs Analysis. This work is led by a Public Health consultant. The initial focus will be to identify the post-abuse support needs of CSE victims
- A conference was held for over 100 delegates from the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) 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.
- 557 Young People have been involved in CSE education programmes led by the CSE teams in schools. With an additional 695 young people working with

our Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) on informal curriculum sessions related to CSE.

- Police intelligence staff 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.

#### 7.8 What we are concerned about

- In relation to the Crown Prosecution service increasing their understanding and awareness of CSE, work continues and meetings have been arranged to discuss this with them further

### **7.9 We will focus on all children and young people making good progress in their learning and Development**

#### What's working well

- KS1 to KS2 progress by 2 levels in writing increased by 2% to 91%. National averages increased by 1% to 93%. The gap to national average has been reduced to 2%.
- Childminders who have received good or better grades at Ofsted inspections is now at 82.1% this is above the National average of 78.4% Early Years receiving good or better grades at Ofsted inspections is now at 89.7% this is also above the National average of 83.3%
- Improved attainment of children by the age of 5 has increased by 6.5% to 62.2% in 2014, up 2% above the national average at 60.3%.
- In 2014 KS1-KS2 progress by 2 levels in mathematics increased by 2% to 90%. National averages increased by 1% to 89%. Rotherham averages were above the national average for the first time.

#### 7.10 What we are concerned about

- Two secondary schools were below the DfE KS4 floor standard in 2014. One of the schools was below in 2013, this school has an Executive Headteacher system leadership arrangement is in place. It is the first year that the other school has been below floor standard, this school converted to an Academy in September 2013 graded a good school by OFSTED.

### **7.11 We will target support to families in greatest need to help access learning / employment opportunities**

#### What's working well

- During the period November 2013 to 31 October 2014 Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) have provided one to one support for 4766 young people aged 11-19 IYSS have worked with 885 young people aged 11-19 through early intervention and currently are supporting 461.
- IYSS have coordinated delivery of targeted support to vulnerable students to ensure that all young people are fully supported to engage in learning and make a sustainable transition to post 16 learning. Partnership arrangements are now in place with schools and colleges.

- Targeted work with schools has now been instigated using the risk of NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) indicator. Retention activity is delivered in the colleges.
- Rotherham Offer for post 16 students with Learning Difficulties and Disability has been published and was launched in the summer
- The November 2014 NEET figure for Rotherham was verified at 5.9%, in comparison to our statistical neighbour average of 5.7% and a national average of 4.6%. This is based on Rotherham residents of academic age 16,17 and 18.

#### 7.12 What we are concerned about

- Our Rotherham NEET figure is higher than both National and Statistical Neighbours, our Not Known return of 4.7% is significantly lower than both National (11%) and Statistical Neighbours (10.7%), which suggests more robust data.

7.13 An additional and seventh priority around the SEND Transformation (Special Educational Needs and Disability) was added during 2014 as part of implementation of the SEND reforms in Rotherham.

**With parents and young people, we will transform how education, care and health partners ensure that children and young people with special educational needs or a disability are identified early and supported to achieve the best possible outcomes in adult life. We will focus on making the transition between different services as seamless as possible.**

#### What's working well

- Rotherham's Local SEND Offer database was developed and the website was available from September 2014, this is based on Connect to Support model and was developed involvement from young people and their parents
- Rotherham Parent Carer Forum (RPCF) role refreshed in line with SEND reforms and new business plan produced for 2014 – 17 .
- A Joint Commissioning implementation group has been established, bringing together education, health and care commissioners, including NHS England and colleges as commissioners. A Project initiation document has been agreed.

#### 7.14 What we are concerned about

- We still need to make temporary or permanent arrangements to the post of SEND Inclusion Manager, this will be addressed as part of the new structure in children's services moving forward.
- We need to clarify how SEND information and advice is organised and how it fits with the broader RMBC communications strategy

7.15 Moving forward an early refresh of the current Children and Young People's Plan will commence early 2015 to ensure that it reflects Rotherham's current position and identifies the key priorities for the Borough across the partnership.

## **8. Finance:**

High level costings against each of the priorities are currently being worked on with partners to align budgets and spend with the priorities in the plan, further information will be submitted to a future meeting

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties:**

Partners continue to prioritise their services for children and young people, however, given the current financial position across the partnership, it will become increasingly important to ensure that services are prioritised for those most vulnerable.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications:**

It is no longer a statutory requirement to have a Children and Young People's Plan, however, it is considered good practice and evidences the continued partnership commitment to children's services and the shared priorities.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation:**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> monitoring reports  
Children and Young People's Plan on a Page

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