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Dear T

Further to the question that you were going to ask at the full council meeting but were unfortunately unable to attend, please find below a written response.

"As increasing numbers of perpetrators of CSE are charged and then convicted, increasing numbers of families are being devastated. What is the Council doing to support these families and in particular those children (mainly from our Muslim community) who are completely innocent of their father's crimes?"

The issue had been raised to the Council through working groups of the Safeguarding Children's Board, the Safer Rotherham Partnership and directly by the group Mothers for Justice, who the Council continues to work with.

A range of issues such as social work practice, support available through early help, GP's and mental health services through to arrest tactics and hate crime are reviewed on a multi-agency basis dependant on the needs of individual families and actioned as a part of this work.

We are committed to continuing this work to provide the best outcomes for all children across the borough.

Yours sincerely

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Councillor Chris Read

Leader, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council