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Councillor Simon Ball
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Via email: simon.ball@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Ball

Question at Council – 28th February 2024

Thank you for your question at Council on 28th February, where you asked the following question:

“Cllr Read, this month has seen the Leader state that he is serious about CSE, what has been done this month that is extra?”

I can advise that this month, for example, has seen the roll out of partnership training via the Rotherham Safeguarding Children’s Partnership to tackle child exploitation.

A new partnership group, including South Yorkshire Police, and social care colleagues from Doncaster, Sheffield and Barnsley has been formed with a focus on missing episodes for children. This meeting is focused on early identification of missing children, as well as using local and regional information to understand patterns and vulnerabilities.

It’s not about what has been done extra this month, but it’s about what we do day in, day out, month in, month out to address CSE. This means robust preventative activity. It means strong Early Help work, and our dedicated multi-agency team in Evolve. It means high quality social work, and it means commissioning support for people who have been victims in the past.

Yours sincerely



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