

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

16 JUNE 2015

REPORT OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

SCRUTINY REVIEW - CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Summary

The Board has previously agreed that it would receive relevant scrutiny reports from Council Select Committees.

The attached report presents the Children & Young People Select Committee findings following its Scrutiny Review of Child Sexual Exploitation. The report was considered and approved by Cabinet at its meeting held on 12 March 2015 (**Appendix**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board considers the report..

DETAIL

1. On 9 October 2014, Cabinet considered an update on CSE as part of a regular report on social care activity and performance. At that meeting Cabinet requested that a Children and Young People Select Committee Task and Finish Group be established to review how robust the Council and Multi Agency Partners' procedures are with regard to children deemed to be at risk of child sexual exploitation and that the review involves all partner agencies. Executive Scrutiny Committee agreed to add the review to the Scrutiny Work Programme and a Task and Finish Group was appointed from the Children and Young People Select Committee.
2. Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) has been identified by children's charities and highlighted in the national press as a growing problem. Furthermore the Jay report (and more recently the Casey report) into the Rotherham child sexual abuse scandal criticised the Metropolitan Borough Council for failings in the handling of abuse. This has in turn led to Local Authorities reviewing their own and partnership arrangements for identifying and dealing with the problem.

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