1. Introductions and Apologies

1.1 Introductions were made around the table and apologies noted as detailed above
2. **Members Declaration of Interest**

2.1 There were no declarations of interest at today's meeting

3. **Minutes of the SRP Board meeting held on 06 August 2018**

3.1 The minutes of the SRP Board meeting held on 06 August 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings

4. **Matters arising from SRP Board meeting held on 06 August 2018**

4.1 Please refer to action schedule

5. **Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual report 2017/18**

5.1 A copy of the Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual report 2017/18 had been circulated to Board members on behalf of Christine Cassell, Independent Chair for the Local Safeguarding Children Board

5.2 A brief overview of the report content was given;

- Under current legislation the role of the LSCB is to co-ordinate and ensures the effectiveness of safeguarding children activity within the Borough. There are a number of multi-agency sub groups carrying out the work and functions of the LSCB Board
- The activity of the LSCB Board within the Annual Report is up to March 2018 therefore, some of the data had changed since the report was produced
- In terms of the effectiveness of the safeguarding a number of improvements have been identified in 2017/18 through inspections, the key one being the Ofsted inspection of RMBC Children Services; further inspections across other agencies had also taken place and also noted in the Annual Report
- An issue currently is agencies working together through the LSCB Board to sustain the progress that has been made and continue collectively to check on the quality of the partnership work on the frontline safeguarding practice
- The priorities established for 2016/18 will continue through to 2019; there will be an opportunity for these to be refreshed
- A Safeguarding protocol between the LSCB, Safeguarding Adults Board, Health and Wellbeing Board and SRP had been established
- Domestic Abuse is a theme shared across all 3 Boards and there is a scope for further work to take place
- Safeguarding themes identified to be carried forward – volume of safeguarding activity and the volume of safeguarding activity within reducing resources and budgets
- New multi-agency safeguarding arrangements will be coming into force (as part of the recent Children and Social Workers Act 2017) and the introduction of the new statutory guidance published in July 2018
- As part of work going forward consideration is being given to look at wider vulnerabilities and exploitation which may take into account issues of Modern Slavery and County Lines
- There had been a Safeguarding Awareness week (in July 2018) which involved the SRP and the Children's and Adult's Safeguarding Boards
- A piece of work had taken place in preparation around the Joint Targeted Inspections where the combined inspectorates will look at a specific theme and also the effectiveness of partnership safeguarding within the Borough, particularly at the front door of safeguarding services

5.3 Comments were invited. Points of note were:
**Agreed:** 1) That the information is noted
2) The Board welcomed the development of the LSCB CSE sub group in addressing the wider vulnerabilities and exploitation of children issues. The community impact/neighbourhood level issues will need to be considered
3) The high number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan and those who are looked after are mainly due to complex abuse cases, legacy issues and Operation Stovewood. Currently this is stable but work is ongoing to achieve the right intervention from the first point of contact to safely reduce demand

6. **Protecting Vulnerable Children’s presentation**

6.1 A presentation on Protecting Vulnerable Children was delivered by Supt Chapman, chair of the Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing Persons sub group – document embedded below

![Vulnerable Childrens Presentation SRP.pptx](Vulnerable Childrens Presentation SRP.pptx)

6.2 It was noted that work is taking place in respect of County Lines and recently the first National prosecution regarding a young person in relation to Child Exploitation had taken place

6.3 In terms of supporting vulnerable children around ‘what is a healthy relationship’, the Board were informed a review of tools and processes within children’s services is currently taking place. The issue of young people understanding ‘what a healthy relationship is about’ also applies to the domestic abuse and other themes of abuse and exploitation

6.4 Supt Chapman was thanked for the informative presentation and on taking the role of chair for CSE sub group early on in his appointment Rotherham District

**Agreed:** That the information is noted

7. **Youth Offending Team (YOT) report**

7.1 The Youth Offending Performance report September 2018 was circulated to Board members prior to the meeting on behalf of Paul Grimwood, Youth Offending Manager

7.2 Rotherham’s performance is good in respect of the 3 National performance indicators (first time entrants into the Youth Justice System, rates of re-offending and rates of custody). Re-offending figures continue to reduce. Custody rates are very small in comparison to other YOT’s

7.3 The Board were given confirmation a bid had been submitted on a sub-regional basis (Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham) to the Government for part of the Early Intervention Youth Fund. If successful the bid will benefit Rotherham in getting an early start on Child Criminal Exploitation and gangs

7.4 At the last meeting clarity was sort around the prosecutions data for young people. Members were informed that in terms of outcomes recorded by Police for young people who have a recorded offence very few go on to receive an intervention from the YOT; the majority receive an outcome 16 if a suspect has been identified but the victim withdraws or does not give support to prosecution

**Agreed:** That the information is noted
8. SRP Away Day update

8.1 A briefing report on the SRP Away day had been circulated to Board and contained the following recommendations:

That the Board notes:
• The report and actions
• Consideration should be given in respect of future events

8.2 The report provided details of the day’s events including actions arising; the actions will be completed by December 2018

Agreed: 1) That the information is noted
2) Approval is given by the Board to the recommendations as detailed above

9. Items to escalate to other Boards

9.1 There were no items for escalation to other Boards

10. Any Other Business

10.1 National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2018 commences Sunday 13 October 2018

10.2 Modern Slavery – Thursday 18 October 2018 is International Anti-Slavery day

10.3 ‘Between Care and the Criminal Justice System’ Multi Agency Round Table discussion will be taking place on Monday 05 November 2018 at Her Majesty’s Prison Hatfield, 1 - 4.30pm. Further details can be obtained from Darren.Coyne@careleavers.com

Agreed: That the information is noted

11. Future meeting date

11.1 SRP Board meeting – Monday 03 December 2018 at 3.00pm, Meeting Room 2, Wing B – 4th Floor, Riverside House, Rotherham S60 1AE

11.2 Agenda items for December’s meeting are:

• Rotherham Safeguarding Adult’s Board (RSAB) Annual report
• Protecting Vulnerable Adult’s presentation – Theme Lead
• Community Action Partnership (CAPs) progress report – Sam Barstow
• SRP Quarter 2 Performance Dash Board