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Written Statement of Action (SEND) **Graduated Response Listening Event** **23.05.2022**

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Background

A number of families contact RPCF directly with experiences around the issues they are experiencing described in the SEND local area inspection report of July 21. For further information click the link to our website:

<https://www.rpcf.co.uk/local-area-send-inspection-20212>

RPCF are committed to facilitating the voice and lived experience of families to reduce isolation, gather a collective voice and ultimately enable better outcomes for our young people. We are committed to working in partnership with services to shape the delivery of services our families receive. The aim of this session is looking to inform and work in partnership with parents/carers across Rotherham borough of the action being taken to address the areas of concern identified by Ofsted and CQC.

RMBC have been tasked by Ofsted and CQC to produce a WSoA (written statement of action) focusing on each of the areas of significant weakness identified by the inspectors. The WSoA sets the time frame which may be long term or short term (within 18 months) which will demonstrate progress.

RPCF are aware of some questions/queries families have around the areas of weakness identified – It was suggested that a Q and A session for parents present at the event would give a snapshot of the current experience of parent/carers.



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Methodology

RPCF facilitated a virtual session with senior practitioners to address this and invited questions from participants both at the session and through a pre event consultation. A number of parents were in attendance including RPCF volunteers and staff. Participants remained muted throughout with option to use the chat facility for clarification. Colleagues in attendance were.

Julie Day – Head of SEND

Carol Taylor – Joint Principal Educational Psychologist in Rotherham

Rachel Amos – Joint Principal Educational Psychologist in Rotherham, Early Years Specialist and Manager of Portage Service.

Vicky Whitfield – Service Manager – Community Children and Young People’s Services Family Health from Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust Service Manager at Community Paediatrics

Tanya Gerstmar – Head of SEN & High Needs at RNN Group

Jayne Fitzgerald – Strategic Manager RPCF

Louise Graham – Operations Manager RPCF

Catherine Hancox – Peer Support Co-ordinator

Kayleigh Harrison – Volunteer & Engagement Co-ordinator

Opening Statements

Carol Taylor – Joint Principal Educational Psychologist in Rotherham

Rachel Amos – Joint Principal Educational Psychologist in Rotherham, Early Years Specialist and Manager of Portage Service,

Carol gave a brief overview of the Rotherham Charter.

Graduated Response Slide Presentation

Rachel and Carol did a slide presentation about the Graduated Response, **see the slide presentation appendix 1.**

Questions and Answers

Following the slide presentation Kayleigh and Catherine asked questions on behalf of PRCF members. **See appendix 2 for the questions and answers during this session.** These are also available on our website at www.rpcf.co.uk

Closing Statements

Kayleigh Harrison - Volunteer and Engagement Co-ordinator

Thanked the practitioners and everyone else who was able to join and contribute to this session. We want to actively involve and encourage parent carer involvement, so we can represent their views accurately.

Carol Taylor, Rachel Amos and Julie Day thanked RPCF for hosting the listening event and for the opportunity of contributing to it.

Kayleigh Harrison - Volunteer and Engagement Co-ordinator

We are always on the lookout for more strategic representatives to continue this work we want to absolutely ensure that parents voices are heard within this work. Should anyone be interest in being a part of this or thinks of any further question please don't hesitate to contact us at kayleigh@rpcf.co.uk

Recommendations from the session and next steps

- We will continue the discussions
- This report will be circulated to parents and all other relevant parties

Thank you to everyone who contributed, lived experience and sharing what works and what barriers are experienced informs policy and practice and ultimately creates better outcomes for our children and young people and their families. Together we make a difference.

Anyone interested in contributing please contact us at kayleigh@rpcf.co.uk