

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Health Select Commission
2.	Date:	9 July 2015
3.	Title:	Hospital Discharges
4.	Directorate:	The Rotherham Foundation Trust

5. Summary

The report provides Members with the additional information requested following the update on the Hospital Discharges scrutiny review recommendations in October 2014.

6. Recommendation

That Members:

- **Note and discuss the contents of the report and the positive changes made to support patients with discharge from hospital.**

7. Proposals and Details

As part of its work programme in 2013-14 the Health Select Commission (HSC) carried out a spotlight review of Hospital Discharges. This review was undertaken due to a perception, based on anecdotal evidence, of a problem with out of hours discharges (late at night or weekends) and patients being discharged without adequate support arrangements in place. Factual evidence did not support the perceived problems about discharges but Members recognised the potential impact that an unsafe discharge could have for patients and their families.

The HSC received a monitoring report on the recommendations at its meeting on 23 October 2014 and Members noted the progress made through effective joint work between the hospital and the Council, with the majority of actions completed. It was agreed to have a future agenda item on Community Transformation (separate powerpoint presentation) as this evolved from the business process review that had followed the scrutiny review. Members also requested additional information, which is included in the appendices as follows:

Appendix A - Figures for delayed discharges and complaints relating to discharges

Appendix B - Details about the work of the Care Co-ordination Centre

Appendix C - Information about the SAFER care bundle

8. Finance

There are no direct financial implications from this report, but there are financial and budgetary implications for the Council and health partners in working towards greater integration of health and social care.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There are various reasons why patients may have a delayed transfer of care from hospital but closer integration of health and social care and between acute and community services will help to ensure people are in the most appropriate care environment.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

- RMBC Corporate Plan Priorities:
 - Helping to create safe and healthy communities
 - Ensuring care and protection are available for those people who need it most.
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Better Care Fund Plan

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Scrutiny Review of Hospital Discharges Report (September 2013)

Scrutiny Review of Hospital Discharges Monitoring Report (October 2014)

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