

HSC Questions

- Clarification as to whether the 22.7% not in work referred to those who had illnesses/LTCs and were on related benefits or those who were long term unemployed

The 22.7% of the working age population not in work and not looking for work refers to those who are 'economically inactive' and includes those who had illnesses or long-term conditions. It does not include those who are unemployed.

- Any research on links between adult mental ill health/anxiety transfer to babies almost being hereditary

Family history is a risk factor for some mental ill health conditions – but given that many of the socio-economic and other living conditions would generally be shared amongst families this is a complex area.

Searching pscINFO and Medline about the impact of anxiety on babies shows very limited study and the methodologies were also questionable so there is very little evidence at present.

- Statistics to be provided with regard to treatment and recovery from cancers compared to the national average as well as at what point in the disease cycle people accessed care

(Data represents NHS Rotherham CCG on cancer for treatment and survival – there is no data on 'recovery' collected. Standards are National Cancer Waiting Times. Data source: Public Health England)

Treatment 1 (% of patients treated within 31 days, standard to be achieved is 96% - maximum 31 day wait from diagnosis of cancer to first definitive treatment)

Rotherham: 96.1%

England: 97.7%

(Rotherham is below the England average but achieves the standard)

Treatment 2 (% of patients treated within 62 days, standard to be achieved is 85% - maximum 62 day wait from urgent GP referral for suspected cancer to first definitive to first definitive treatment)

Rotherham: 81.8%

England: 82.6%

(Rotherham is below the England average and below the standard)

Survival (one year survival for all cancers combined, calendar year of diagnosis 2015)

Rotherham: 70.7%

England: 72.3%

(Rotherham is significantly lower than the England average)

Stage of cancer at diagnosis (cancer diagnosed at an early stage – experimental statistics 2016)

Rotherham: 46.9%

England: 52.6%

- Clarification sought as to whether adults with learning disabilities were still offered the flu vaccination

An NHS England embedded Screening and Immunisation Team (SIT) for South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw has responsibility for the commissioning and implementation of the national routine screening and immunisation programmes including flu vaccination.

The National Screening Programme prioritises vulnerable groups and adults with learning difficulties would fall within this category meaning that they would be offered the vaccination.

Update on Recommendations:

- (3) That illegal highs, in particular spice, be included within the Substance Abuse section of the Plan as a specific element

Spice is a colloquial term for a herbal mixture containing one or more synthetic cannabinoids.

Within our Substance Misuse Treatment services 'Spice' is recorded as a New Psychoactive Substance (NPS) on the National Drug Treatment Management System (NDTMS). Rotherham recorded 5 new clients into treatment services with NPS as either the first / second or third drug of choice in 2016-17.

Members may want to ask further questions during their next visit to Carnson House.

- (5) That the Sexual Health Strategy be submitted to the Select Commission in due course.

The Sexual Health Strategy has been tabled as an agenda item on the Health Select Commission meeting on 29th November 2018.

- (6) That the Sexual Health Strategy include a specific element regarding education and communication to people with learning disability and those with barriers to communication.

Yes, this has been taken on board and people with learning disability will be included in the action planning.

- (7) That the Director of Public Health discuss with colleagues in Children's Services the issue and impact of Adverse Childhood Events and health interventions as part of the Public Health agenda.

The Director of Public Health has raised this with Children's Services and has sent round a video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiMjTzCnbNQ>) for information. She will raise this with the newly appointed Director of Children's and Young People's Services, Jon Stonehouse. This will also be discussed with Christine Cassell, the Chair of the Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board.