

Rotherham Food Network
“Together we will make healthy and sustainable food the norm for everyone in Rotherham”



The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust



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1. Food Governance and Strategy



- Created the Rotherham Food Network
- 17 stakeholder organisations and 68 members
- Agreed Terms of Reference
- Gained Sustainable Food Places membership (May 2023)
- Developed first action plan (2023 – 2025)
- Food impact and progress monitoring dashboard – currently drafting
- JSNA – includes section on food/diet



2. Good Food Movement



- Adopted a compassionate approach – understanding the context in which we eat and live
- Engagement via and with Healthy Holiday provision
- Synergy bid – sharing best practice between food partnerships (Sheffield, Rotherham, and Bristol collaboration)
- Planning a celebration event to raise awareness of our food movement (Spring 2024)
- Expanded Rotherhive to include food section: <https://rotherhive.co.uk/eating-well/>



3. Healthy Food for



- Food in Crisis Partnership – multi-agency approach
- Making staff aware of food poverty issues – e.g. Cost of living MECC
- Healthy Start voucher – increasing uptake in those eligible
(Jan 23 **68%**, October 23 **78%**)
- Breastfeeding Friendly Borough
- Participate in campaigns such as Veg Power through school catering provision



4. Sustainable Food Economy



- Takeaway planning within Rotherham – Existing SPD to limit takeaways can be built or licensed within an 800m radius of a school
- Rotherham Food Network attend ‘The Voice’ town centre business meetings to promote and engage on food and the network – This will become a working group
- Healthy Start Voucher scheme – increasing the accessibility to use the vouchers by getting more businesses on board

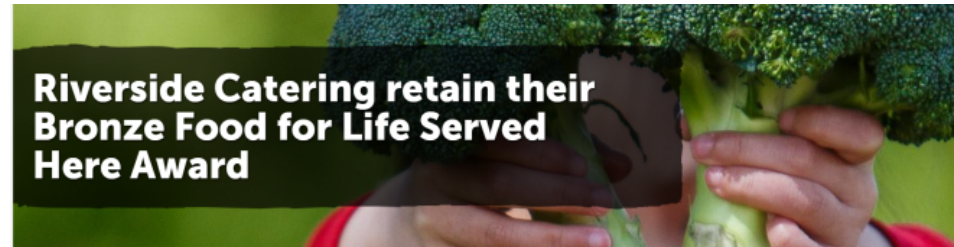


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5. Catering and Procurement

- Rotherham Council school catering retain Bronze Food for Life - Riverside Catering was featured as the Soil Association's caterer of the month in their August newsletter
- Considering opportunities for RNN students to collaborate with the Council to create menus for cafés and events
- Catering staff taken part in additional training such as eating disorders and compassionate approach.



6. Food for the Plan



- The Council has already declared a climate emergency
- Love Food, Hate Waste campaign
- Joint food waste strategy between Rotherham, Barnsley and Doncaster.
- WRAP project with Rotherham Minster food bank to use labels to reduce food waste.
- Healthy Foundation Award application includes elements of growing and recycling within the award scheme.



Recommendations

- Acknowledge the partnership work to date on progressing food-related actions and the governance route for the food network.
- Support the delivery of the action plan.
- Identify any further opportunities to share and represent good practice already existing in the borough for supporting the bronze award application.
- Identify any further opportunities for partner organisations to contribute to achieving the aims set out in the action plan.

