

<b>Minutes</b>	
<b>Title of Meeting:</b>	<b>PUBLIC</b> Rotherham Place Board: Partnership Business
<b>Time of Meeting:</b>	9.00am – 10.15am
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Wednesday 17 April 2024
<b>Venue:</b>	Elm Room, Oak House, Bramley, S66 1YY
<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Chris Edwards</b>
<b>Contact for Meeting:</b>	Lydia George: lydia.george@nhs.net/ Wendy Commons: wcommons@nhs.net
<b>Apologies:</b>	Richard Jenkins, Chief Executive, TRFT Toby Lewis, Chief Executive, RDaSH Dr Neil Thorman, Executive GP Lead, RPCCG Dr Anand Barmade, Medical Director, Connect Healthcare Sharon Kemp, Chief Executive, Rotherham Council Andrew Russell, Chief Nurse, NHS SY ICB
<b>Conflicts of Interest:</b>	General declarations were acknowledged for Members as providers/commissioners of services. However, no specific direct conflicts/declarations were made relating to any items on today's agenda.
<b>Quoracy:</b>	Confirmed as quorate.

**Members Present:**

Chris Edwards (**CE**), Executive Place Director, NHS SY ICB  
 Ben Anderson (**BA**), Director of Public Health, RMBC  
 Shafiq Hussain (**SH**), Chief Executive, Voluntary Action Rotherham  
 Gordon Laidlaw (**GL**), Head of Communications, NHS SY ICB  
 Dr Jason Page (**JP**), Medical Director (Rotherham) NHS SY ICB  
 Julie Thornton (**JT**), Care Group Director (Roth), Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust  
 Michael Wright (**MW**), Deputy Chief Executive, TRFT

**Participants:**

Wendy Allott (**WA**), Director of Financial Transformation (Roth), NHS SY ICB  
 Lydia George (**LG**), Transformation and Partnership Portfolio Manager, NHS SY ICB  
 Cllr David Roche (**DR**), H&WB Board Chair, RMBC  
 Shahida Siddique (**SS**), Independent Non-Exec Member, NHS SY ICB  
 Claire Smith (**CS**), Director of Partnerships (Roth), NHS SY ICB  
 Helen Sweaton (**HS**), Joint Assistant Director CYPS, NHS SY ICB/RMBC  
 Jude Wildgoose (**JW**), Assistant Director – Transformation and Delivery, NHS SY ICB

**In Attendance:**

Wendy Commons, Business Support Officer, Rotherham Place, NHS SY ICB

Item Number	Discussion Items
<b>01/4/24</b>	<b>Public &amp; Patient Questions</b>
There were no questions from members of the public.	
<b>02/4/24</b>	<b>Public Health Director's Update</b>
<p>Ben Anderson, Director of Public Health reported that cases of infectious diseases are coming down. Thanks to the successful media communications campaign in raising awareness across the borough, measles has been managed well in clinical settings. Although, he warned that the risk of spread is still likely following the post-holiday return to schools.</p> <p>As reported last month, there has been a Legionella outbreak in a social housing area. Work has been taking place with the providers with positive results.</p> <p>The flu season appears to have passed and respiratory diseases are much lower. There is less Covid being seen which may result in the vaccination programmes update being different.</p> <p>Following the D&amp;V outbreaks in care homes also reported last month, BA highlighted a risk with lack of resources for infection prevention and control across community settings. An interim solution is being funded non recurrently via the Better Care Fund (BCF) with dialogue taking place across the partnership around a more sustainable solution.</p> <p>Members noted that this risk is on the Rotherham Place risk register.</p> <p>The Chair thanked BA for the update.</p>	
<b>03/4/24</b>	<b>Mental Health Update</b>
<p>CS advised members of the positive work undertaken in recent months on the groups priorities to embed model and primary care to deliver care closer to people. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Launch of primary care mental health hubs</li> <li>- Completing the procurement for mental health peer support and community connectors</li> <li>- Agreeing the adult community eating disorder pilot</li> <li>- The agreement by Council cabinet of the Place Crisis Pathway Health &amp; Social Care which will go live in April 2024.</li> <li>- Developing an integrated service specification for crisis services</li> <li>- Expanding the alternative to crisis offer with Rotherham Safe Space commencing a service over four evenings a week in October 2023. Qwell also continues to be well utilised</li> <li>- The PUSH model for mental health has been introduced with Yorkshire Ambulance Service – the first in South Yorkshire.</li> </ul> <p>CS highlighted some of the challenges and risks being faced:</p>	

- Out of area bed days is proving challenging, in January we had no out of area patients but this fluctuates – the target for 2023/24 will not be met.
- A&E attendance increases due to increasing complexity and demand being seen across the system.
- There is also increasing demand for neurodevelopmental assessments including some under ‘Right to Choose’

Going forward, work will continue on ensuring all activity is captured against the metric for access to community mental health services:

- Progress will continue with the community eating order pilot and supporting the mobilisation of the mental health peer support service.
- The mobilisation of community connectors and micro commissioning for SMI health checks with continue to be supported.
- Work will continue to understand place requirements for effective partnership working with the crisis concordat/right care right person approach.

JP suggested that it may be helpful to review the impact on primary care from the implementation of the PUSH model for mental health patients, as it is often GPs who are required to issue medication for patients who don’t go to A&E.

It was noted that a dedicated protected learning time event will take place on mental health services to allow discussion with primary care colleagues about the pathway and system changes.

CE noting the progress made, thanked CS for the update and the teams for their hard work. He also acknowledged how the good partnership relationships across Rotherham have been invaluable in addressing the challenges of rising acuity and complexity seen in patients across all services.

<b>04/4/24</b>	<b>Early Help Strategy Update</b>
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HS updated members advising that the 2016-19 strategy had been central to Rotherham’s improvement journey, and as a result Rotherham now has an effective and mature early help system. She went on to highlight some of the key achievements over time including the development of the service having a well-equipped and well trained workforce, delivering integrated outreach and engagement with an MDT approach to its activities, such as Operation Keepsafe and Partnership Water Safety Plan.

There is a suite of validated programmes for families to access both digitally and face to face and shared responsibility embedded for early help across partners with an increase in the numbers of early help assessments to almost 30%. The development of family hubs and the best start in life programme have added value for children’s centre and early help sites and the Healthy Holiday’s Programme, funded by the DfE is being delivered.

HS explained that there has been a big emphasis on the new strategy that focuses on the whole family approach and accentuates partnership, which is strong in Rotherham.

In 2023, in response to the independent review, the government published a new vision to transform children’s social care ‘Stable Homes, Built on Love’ which preceded the updated multiagency statutory guidance, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023.

Although the legislation has not changed, it states that the key worker may not necessarily have to be a social worker in future.

It is clear that a new strategy is required to address the changing environment and the government’s plans to reform children’s social care and early help.

The vision and key principles of the 2024-2029 Early Help Strategy have been developed across Rotherham Together Partnership, with three stages of support for children, young people and families:

- Universal and Community Family Help
- Focussed Family Help
- Specialist Family Help

A five year phased delivery plan is proposed with Phase one, the design phase being about consultation and engagement to ensure the strategy will work for everyone, followed by four years to develop the model to make sure the right tools are in place and we are reaching families and children in the right way.

JP asked about the rationale for non-social work qualified staff to undertake assessments for child in need cases rather than a social worker. HS explained that the guidance outlines the need for a social work assessment and although there is no intention to change how this is done in Rotherham currently, families often form good relationships with their early help workers who may be best placed undertake the assessment in a ‘lead practitioner’ role. Wider engagement and consultation with stakeholders and staff is planned and will be important before there is any commitment to change.

Members noted the update and work being done to develop the new strategy.

**05/4/24    Baby Packs Scheme**

BA advised Members that part of council’s family friendly budget included the provision of baby packs for Rotherham newborns. Registering for the packs will also help parents to access a range of support and advice services provided through family hubs.

At the end of February the Council approved the baby packs scheme which will be funded as part of the Council’s 24/25 Budget.

The packs will include high quality items that promote positive parent and child interaction and safety improving outcomes for the child. The initiative also aligns and supplements the ‘Best start in Life’ priority in our Place Plan as well as the ‘Safe Place to Sleep Programme’ across NHS SY ICB and the South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority.

It will go to everyone and promote a fair and equal start for children, helping build trust and signpost families, with no stigma attached.

Place Board fully supported the scheme. LG will add it to the Place Partnership Update which is shared with all partners and their staff and will help publicly promote this excellent initiative.

**Action: LG**

**06/4/24    Update of Rotherham Place Partnership Board Terms of Reference and Agreement**

Members noted that this version had been updated with comments from partners, since they were presented at the February Place Board.

In reviewing the terms of reference for Part 2: Partnership, CE advised that Sharon Kemp, Chief Executive at Rotherham Council has taken up the role of commissioner at another council where she will be spending 2 days per week. Sharon will continue to

work in Rotherham as Chief Executive 3 days per week. SK had proposed that Ian Spicer, Deputy Chief Executive and Strategic Director at Rotherham Council becomes Joint Chair of Rotherham Place Board with CE to ensure full representation at Place Board. SK will attend Place Board on a quarterly basis.

Members agreed with the proposed arrangements for Joint Chair and subject to the changes above, **the terms of reference (part 2: partnership) were approved** by the Place Board.

Members also agreed to **approve the partnership agreement** as presented. However, should any partner wish to re-open discussions, this will be allowed. These will now progress to the Rotherham Health & Wellbeing Board for ratification in line with governance arrangements.

It was noted that the Place Board Partnership Agreement and Terms of Reference had been taken through The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust Board and MW would advise any feedback to LG. Similarly JT will check for feedback with colleagues at The Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust.

The terms of reference (part 3: ICB Committee) are being reviewed for approval in the ICB session today, after which they will be received at South Yorkshire ICB Board for approval. There were no issues raised in relation to these by Rotherham Place Board members at this session.

**07/4/24 | Place Plan Performance Report – Quarter 3**

CS presented the performance report for the 2023-25 Health and Care Plan.

Members noted that the overall position was similar to that reported in Quarter 2 for both metrics and milestones.

There was one milestone rated red which related to LDA 4 - Supporting people with learning disability and autism, and SY ICB providing a model for safe space provision. Although a procurement exercise had been undertaken, it was deemed commercially unviable within the existing financial envelope. The plan for recovery includes revision of the service specification and a market engagement event.

With key performance indicators (KPIs), it was noted that there was one new red rated metric relating to children’s neurodevelopment assessments and waiting times.

Members had discussed the issues in detail in the Confidential session and received assurance, noting that although the number of referrals has increased over the past few years, progress is being made to reduce the waiting list with both the length of time children wait for assessment and the number of children waiting has reduced.

**08/4/24 | Feedback from ICP Meeting – 21 March 2024**

Cllr Roche advised that Members had received an update on the Safe Places for Sleeping Programme which will include delivering a bed and bedding for every child who needs it in South Yorkshire. Four test and learn pilots will be set up in Goldthorpe, Mexborough, Swinton and Gleadless which will later be evaluated.

There had also been an update on work planned with the Children & Young People’s alliance, the governance approach to The Bold Ambition – the best start in life and the intention to focus on child health equity at its May meeting.

The Five Year Joint Forward Plan for South Yorkshire was refreshed with no major changes and accepted.

DR thanked CE, Gavin Boyle and Pearse Butler for their support in listening to the feedback from Health and Wellbeing Boards to the ICP, which had given he and his H&WBB colleagues confidence that these will be taken on board and refinements made as suggested.

Finally, it was noted that this will be the last Place Board Cllr Roche attends as he retires in early May. On behalf of Rotherham Place Board and its members, CE thanked Cllr Roche for his contribution to the transformation of health and social care services and partnership working in Rotherham.

JP will discuss deputising at the Integrated Care Partnership with one of his colleagues.

**09/4/24    Communications to Partners**

Baby packs scheme information to be shared.

**10/4/24    Draft Minutes and Action Log from Public Place Board**

The minutes from the meeting held on 20 March 2024 meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

The action log was reviewed and on track.

**11/4/24    Risks and Items for Escalation to Health and Wellbeing Board**

None.

**12/4/24    Future Agenda Items:**

- Proactive Care Update – JM/CS - (tbc)
- Advice on Choice for GPs and Rotherham Pathway – (tbc)
- Palliative and End of Life Care Update – (May)
- Maternity, Children & Young People Update (May)
- Lung health checks update – JP - (Jun)

**Standing Items**

- Updates from all groups (as scheduled)
- Bi-Monthly Place Partnership Briefing
- Feedback from SY ICP Meetings – Bi Monthly
- Place Achievements (as and when)

**13/4/24    Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 15 May 2024** at Rotherham Hospice from 9.30am – 10.30am. *Post meeting note: change of venue to VAR*

## **Members**

Chris Edwards (Joint Chair)	Executive Place Director/ICB Deputy Chief Executive	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Sharon Kemp (Joint Chair)	Chief Executive	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Ben Anderson	Director of Public Health	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Richard Jenkins	Chief Executive	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Shafiq Hussain	Chief Executive	Voluntary Action Rotherham
Toby Lewis	Chief Executive	Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDaSH)
Dr Anand Barmade	Medial Director	Connect Healthcare Rotherham (GP Federation)
Dr Neil Thorman	Primary Care Representative	Rotherham Primary Care Collaborative Group

## **Participants**

Cllr David Roche	Joint Chair	Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board
Claire Smith	Deputy Place Director, Rotherham Place	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Andrew Russell	Chief Nurse, Roth & Donc Place	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Dr Jason Page	Medical Director, Rotherham Place	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Wendy Allott	Director of Financial Transformation Rotherham Place	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Shahida Siddique	Independent Non-Executive Member	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Ian Spicer	Strategic Director, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Nicola Curley	Director of Children's Services, RMBC	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Lydia George	Transformation and Partnership Portfolio Manager (Rotherham)	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Gordon Laidlaw	Head of Communications	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Michael Wright	Deputy Chief Executive	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Sally Kilgariff	Chief Operating Officer	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Julie Thornton	Care Group Director	Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDaSH)