

<h1>BRIEFING</h1>	TO:	Health and Wellbeing Board
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	TITLE:	Our Changing Landscape The Independent Investigation into the NHS, NHS Change Conversation and forthcoming NHS 10 Year Health Plan

Background

- 1.1 This briefing provides a cover note for the enclosed slides to be shared ahead with members of the Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board. To inform a discussion about our changing landscape, including the Independent Investigation into the NHS (Darzi Report), the NHS Change Conversation and the forthcoming NHS 10 Year Health Plan.
- 1.2 The [Independent Investigation of the National Health Service in England](#) was published on 12 September 2024. The Report was commissioned by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to provide an independent perspective on the health service’s performance and challenges. It is intended to help ensure that the government’s 10 Year Health Plan for the NHS addresses the health services challenges and stimulates an honest conversation with the public and staff about the level of improvement needed.
- 1.3 The National 10 Year Health Plan is anticipated to be published in May 2025. It is expected to draw on both evidence and insight and respond to the challenges identified in the Darzi report.

Key Issues

- 2.1 The Lord Darzi report focuses on both the performance of the NHS and the key drivers of performance. It positions NHS performance challenges within the changing and challenging external environment the NHS is operating in. It recognises that many of the factors that are contributing to the NHS’s challenges are outside of its direct control, including wider determinants of health and a decline in the nation’s health. The enclosed slides include the key themes in the report and a brief summary of the compelling case for change it outlines.
- 2.3 The National 10 Year Health Plan will be underpinned by a health mission including areas that sit within the health and care system and those that require significant input from cross government and wider society to address the wider determinants of health. The slides include a summary of what we can expect in the National 10 Year Health Plan, including the vision/goals and delivery of three shifts, treatment to prevention, hospital to community and analogue to digital. Alongside detail of the National NHS Change Conversation launched at the end of October 2024 to inform the National Plan.
- 2.4 The NHS Change Conversation to inform the development of the National 10 Year Health Plan opened on 21st October. The design is purposeful to enable input from patients, staff and citizens. The initial launch included a portal and supporting materials. In South Yorkshire we promoted this through all our channels and continue to do so.
- 2.5 The portal provides a range of routes to contribute as an individual, an organisation or on behalf of a group submitting information from a workshop. During November several nationally led public events were held and in mid November NHSE released a workshop in a box resource pack to support local involvement.
- 2.6 We reviewed the workshop in a box resource pack and agreed an approach working through our

2.7	<p>existing networks and using our collective involvement capacity to use the resources in local forums with staff, patients and the public in December through to early February. This will support and encourage South Yorkshire citizens to contribute to the national conversation to inform the shape of the plan and will include connecting with our underserved communities. We encourage all partners to support this effort to enable our South Yorkshire citizens to feed into the national NHS change conversation.</p> <p>NHS South Yorkshire were keen to respond as an organisation and we endeavoured to enable partner engagement in this within the challenging national timelines. To meet the national deadline for organisation responses by 2nd December an ICB contribution was drafted in mid November and shared with partners through Place Partnerships. The themes were considered at the Integrated Care Partnership in late November. A high level summary is set out in the enclosed slides with the full document including case studies in the appendix.</p>
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Key Actions and Relevant Timelines

3.1	<p>Continue to build on the strong connectivity between the Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board and the South Yorkshire Integrated Care Partnership to enable us to work together to maximise the benefit at all levels of geography to contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of people in Rotherham.</p>
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Implications for Health Inequalities

4.1	<p>The Darzi report articulates the national decline in population health and widening health inequalities using a wide range of evidence sources and this position is mirrored in South Yorkshire. More people live shorter lives than they should. Female Life Expectancy is the lowest out of all the ICBs in the country and is second lowest for males. Those in our most deprived areas have both shorter lives and are living those years in poorer health. The gap is widening.</p>
4.2	<p>The forthcoming National 10 Year Health Plan will need to have a strong focus on how it will enable us to address health inequalities as it is a key driver contributing to preventable premature mortality and driving health and care service demand. It is hoped that the National 10 Year Health plan will include additional levers and enable a refresh of operational and financial frameworks to rebalance our collective efforts towards addressing health inequalities.</p>

Recommendations

5.1	<p>The Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the changing landscape, including the Darzi Report, NHS Change Conversation and the forthcoming National 10 Year Health Plan and what opportunities this provides for Rotherham and South Yorkshire. • Note that NHS South Yorkshire submitted a contribution to the National 10 Year Health Plan with a number of Rotherham and South Yorkshire case studies. • Continue to build on the strong connectivity between the Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board and the South Yorkshire Integrated Care Partnership to enable us to work together to maximise the benefit at all levels of geography to contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of people in Rotherham.
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