

Minutes	
<b>Title of Meeting:</b>	<b>PUBLIC</b> Rotherham Place Board: Partnership Business
<b>Time of Meeting:</b>	9.30am – 10.30am
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Wednesday 19 February 2025
<b>Venue:</b>	John Smith Room, Rotherham Town Hall
<b>Chair:</b>	Claire Smith
<b>Contact for Meeting:</b>	Lydia George: lydia.george@nhs.net/ Wendy Commons: wcommons@nhs.net
<b>Apologies:</b>	Anand Barmade, Connect Healthcare Rotherham Chris Edwards, Executive Place Director, Rotherham Place, NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (NHS SY ICB) Richard Jenkins, The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust Sharon Kemp, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council Toby Lewis, Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDaSH) Ian Spicer, Chair, Strategic Director, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health, RMBC
<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:

Claire Smith (**CS**), Chair Director of Partnerships Rotherham Place, NHS SY ICB  
 Wendy Allott (**WA**), Director of Financial Transformation - Rotherham, NHS SY ICB  
 Ben Anderson (**BA**), Director of Public Health, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (deputising)  
 Shafiq Hussain (**SH**), Chief Executive, Voluntary Action Rotherham  
 Bob Kirton (**BK**), Managing Director, Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (deputising)  
 Andrew Russell (**AR**), Director of Nursing, Doncaster & Rotherham Places, NHS SY ICB  
 Julie Thornton (**JT**), Care Group Director, Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (deputising)

## Participants:

Cllr Joanna Baker-Rogers (**JBR**), Health & Wellbeing Board Chair  
 Mat Cottle-Shaw (**MCS**), Chief Executive Officer, Rotherham Hospice  
 Kym Gleeson (**KG**), Service Manager, Healthwatch Rotherham  
 Gordon Laidlaw (**GL**), NHS SY Integrated Care Board  
 Dr Jason Page (**JP**), Medical Director, Rotherham Place, NHS SY ICB  
 Shahida Siddique (**SS**), Non-Executive Member, NHS SY ICB  
 Lydia George (**LG**), Transformation & partnership Portfolio Manager, NHS SY ICB  
 Garry Parvin (**GP**), Joint Head of LD, Autism Commissioning, RMBC/NHS SY ICB  
 Laura Marshall (**LM**), Fostering Marketing Lead, RMBC

## In attendance:

Jude Archer (**JA**), Asst Director of Transformation, NHS SY ICB  
 Ellen Rogers, Business Support Administrator, NHS SY ICB  
 Zara Head, Senior Project Clinical Lead (Rotherham), NHS SY ICB

## Minute Taker:

Wendy Commons, Business Support Officer (Rotherham), NHS SY ICB

Item Number	Discussion Items
113/02/25	<b>Public &amp; Patient Questions</b>
There were no questions from members of the public.	
114/02/25	<b>Learning Disabilities and Autism Update</b>
<p>Garry Parvin gave an update for Members advising that the group's work has included undertaking a one year review of progress on meeting the strategic aims of the all-age autism strategy and continuing the consultation with networks and existing services using the four cornerstones.</p> <p>Good progress has been made to support more autistic people and people with a learning disability into work. 36 supported interns have enrolled, the council hosts 4 and the NHS hosts 3 of these posts. The supported employment service has helped 158 autistic people or those with a learning disability to find meaningful employment or to begin their journey through training and placements and 50 autistic people or people with a learning disability have found employment.</p> <p>GP advised that the ICB has reported an increase in the number of admissions of autistic people into mental health hospital beds and seen an increase in demand for assessment. Rotherham Place is supporting the SY ICB pathway review to ensure regional and local resources/pathways are best aligned to avoid inappropriate admissions.</p> <p>It was also noted that work is taking place to confirm that data sharing ensures that those with a learning disability and autistic people are visible in data collected, eg reasonable adjustments indicators are being implemented by TRFT on electronic medical records.</p> <p>Going forward work will include supporting the development of co-produced action plans which will conclude in Spring 2025 and inform the cabinet update in July/September. Work will continue to develop South Yorkshire pathways that reduce the need for inappropriate admission into mental health services.</p> <p>GP concluded asking whether there were any questions.</p> <p>JBR felt it was important for people with autism to benefit from being able to work and asked whether there was a link between those in work and those awaiting diagnosis and inappropriate admissions. She also wanted to know, out of the 50 people that had found jobs, what occupational skill level were they working at. GP will pick up with JBR outside the meeting to provide the information she requested.</p> <p>JP wondered whether there was a correlation in those being diagnosed with autism and the increased numbers of people requiring admission into mental health beds. GP agreed to check and feedback to JP directly.</p> <p>Discussion followed about the 'Waiting Well' initiative and it was suggested that the group considers implementing this for adults as well as children who are awaiting diagnosis.</p> <p>BK mentioned the Project SEARCH programme that provides real work experience combined with training in employability and independent living skills delivered in a work setting to help young people make successful transitions to productive adult life. He relayed his experience of working with colleges to give opportunities that make an impact on both families and hospital staff. BK will contact GP to discuss further.</p> <p>Similarly JT advised of the work done by RDaSH on health checks and paying attention to ensure people with autism or a learning disability are not disadvantaged.</p> <p>CS thanked GP for the update.</p> <p>GP left the meeting at this point.</p>	

<b>115/02/25</b>	<b>Fostering Ambassador Update</b>
<p>Laura Marshall, Fostering Marketing Lead, reminded members of the many different types of fostering, such as second home (respite), long term, short term, families together, parent and child and step down. She highlighted that an excellent relationship is in place with Rotherham Hospital and the service has featured in staff bulletins, leaflets and posters around the hospital's settings, has partnered with the hospital and the Looked after Children's Nurse to develop an information card to give to health professionals to support them in keeping their details confidential.</p> <p>LM highlighted that there are 496 children in care in Rotherham, 107 are in in-house fostering households and 114 children in in-house placements. It is anticipated that there will be 13 foster care approvals at year end, March 2025 creating 18 placements. In January 2025, there were 176 children placed with foster carers employed by independent fostering agencies (IFA's) which are commissioned by the council to provide the service to our children in care.</p> <p>The ambition is to recruit, retain and grow the best in-house foster carers locally as children's needs are best met in a family setting with high quality support and care and in-house foster placements provide the best value for the council and its residents providing stable enduring placements, local to family, friends, schools and communities.</p> <p>LM outlined the key messages for Members that fosterers need one spare bedroom. RMBC offers a rewarding and competitive financial package, with fostering changing the lives of local children. Foster carers report that Rotherham provides high quality support and training for them and helps you become a part of the fostering community.</p> <p>LM asked that Members help by raising awareness within health settings about fostering, help to identify potential foster carers within their health workforce or wider community, or become fostering friendly employers with a workplace ambassador for fostering.</p> <p>LM would welcome invitations to events where leaflets can be distributed or presentations given. Partners can also share contact details for the fostering website or services within their staff bulletins/patient information.</p> <p>Partners confirmed that they were happy to be shown as fostering friendly for Rotherham organisations on marketing materials and would advise as necessary in their respective organisations.</p> <p>LM confirmed for SH that only around 3.5 Asian households in Rotherham foster and although work is being done to break down barriers any help to link in with diverse communities would be welcome.</p> <p>SS offered a couple of suggestions for sharing fostering information leaflets throughout Eid and Ramadan as well as sharing mosque network information. SS/LM to discuss.</p> <p>Following a query from MCS, LM explained the difference for people going through the Council to become foster carers rather than through Independent Fostering Agencies (IFA's). Discussion took place around the Council offer and marketing. LM confirmed that a review of fostering marketing processes and strategy is undertaken annually and adjusted as necessary.</p> <p>Members thanked LM for giving the update.</p> <p>LM left the room following this item.</p>	
<b>116/02/25</b>	<b>Place Plan Performance – Quarter 3</b>
<p>CS presented the Quarter 3 performance report. Towards the end of the second year of the place plan there had been a slight dip in performance on milestones, with 66% on track or completed. It was noted that some of these related to UEC Transformation and had therefore been impacted by the current challenged position across Place.</p> <p>In relation to metrics, there had been a slight increase in performance at 62% compared with 55% seen in Quarter 2, recognising a positive improvement.</p>	

Members noted the position reported at Quarter 3, end of December 2025.

**117/02/25 Feedback from SY Integrated Care Partnership Meeting – 30 January 2025**

JP and JBR reported that the Members had received a presentation on anti-racism and working towards becoming an anti-racist health and care system and identifying leads for each partner organisation. Christine Joy, Chief People Officer for NHS SY ICB had updated on progress with the economic activity trailblazer and growth accelerator. Ed Clancy OBE, former professional track, road bicycle racer and Olympian came along to talk about active travel and South Yorkshire Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Strategy.

CS thanked JP and JBR for the update and noting that the next meeting is due to be held on 20 March 2025 after which Members will receive feedback.

**118/02/25 Place Achievements**

JT highlighted examples of partnership working that had taken place. An RDaSH developed training session on domestic abuse and suicide awareness had been expanded to invite a Senior Project Worker from Hopian (formerly Rotherham Rise to attend and provide an overview of domestic abuse services in Rotherham.

Members noted this true example of collaborative working.

**119/02/25 Communications to Partners/Promoting Events & Consultations**

- Partners to report back into their organisations agreement to become fostering friendly on RMBC foster marketing materials
- Rotherham Hospice has signed up to and launched Hospice Care TV launched.
- A new hospice shop is opening in Swinton on Saturday 22 February. MCS to share detail.
- Members wished Ben Anderson, Director of Public Health all the best in his new job as he leaves Rotherham MBC and thanked him for all his hard work with Rotherham Place.

**120/02/25 Draft Minutes and Action Log from Public Place Board**

The minutes from the meeting held on 15 January 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

The action log was reviewed and noted as all completed.

**121/02/25 Risks and Items for Escalation to Appropriate Board**

There were no new risks to note.

**122/02/25 Future Agenda Items:**

**March Place Board**

Children & Adolescent Mental Health Service Update  
Communications

**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)

**123/02/25 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 19 March 2025** in the John Smith Room, Town Hall, Rotherham.



## **Members**

Chris Edwards (Joint Chair)	Executive Place Director/ICB Deputy Chief Executive	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Sharon Kemp (Joint Chair) Quarterly attendance)	Chief Executive	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Ian Spicer	Strategic Director, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health/Deputy CE	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Ben Anderson	Director of Public Health	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Richard Jenkins	Chief Executive	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Bob Kirton	Managing Director	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Shafiq Hussain	Chief Executive	Voluntary Action Rotherham
Toby Lewis	Chief Executive	Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Anand Barmade	Medial Director	Connect Healthcare Rotherham (GP Federation)

## **Participants**

Cllr Joanna Baker- Rogers	Chair of H&WB Board	Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board
Claire Smith	Director of Partnerships, Rotherham Place	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Andrew Russell	Director of Nursing, Rotherham & Doncaster 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
Nicola Curley	Director of Children's Services, RMBC	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Matt Cottle-Shaw	Chief Executive	Rotherham Hospice
Kym Gleeson	Service Manager	Healthwatch Rotherham
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
Julie Thornton	Care Group Director	Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust