

## Health Select Commission (HSC) Chair's Briefing for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) meeting on 8 April 2026

### Items covered since the last meeting:

At the HSC meeting on 26 March 2026 the following items were considered:

#### 1) South Yorkshire Cancer Alliance Lung Clinic Update

Members scrutinised the update report and supporting presentation provided by South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Cancer alliance, further to the briefing members received in May 2025. A small group of Health Select Commission members, along with Counterparts from Barnsley also benefitted from a joint site visit to the clinic which provided valuable operational insights and helped to inform and focus the discussions.

Members sought assurances that the temporary joint Lung Clinic is safely improving service resilience, access and patient experience without disadvantaging Rotherham patients. Discussions considered the clinic's ability to strengthen clinical cover, maintain local treatment, and deliver patient and staff satisfaction, whilst acknowledging and exploring known challenges such as parking, public transport and IT issues. Members noted that a full 12-month evaluation will guide any long-term strategic and operational decisions and encouraged the replication of identified good practice across other clinical discipline where that could be of benefit.

#### The following recommendations were agreed during the meeting:

That the Health Select Commission:

1. Noted the implementation and initial appraisal of the NSO joint Lung Clinic for Rotherham and Barnsley patients.
2. Noted that a formal clinic evaluation will be undertaken 12-months post go-live, which would enable more meaningful data analysis to influence recommendations for future service provision.
3. Requested that South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Cancer Alliance provide the data and metrics requested by the Health Select Commission following the briefing received in May 2025 be provided following conclusion of the planned clinic evaluation, given that it has not been possible to provide the full detail at this time. The means via which this will be provided are to be agreed outside of this meeting.
4. Requested that South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Cancer Alliance consider the public and community transport needs, including the availability and infrastructure of on-site parking in conjunction with The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT), following the planned clinic evaluation.

5. Requested that relevant Council Officers consider the roads network and transport infrastructure in the hospital's immediate vicinity, including car parking restrictions and enforcement to seek to ensure that this supports traffic flow and actively contributes to reducing travel and parking frustrations for Rotherham residents accessing the hospital site.

## 2) SDEC (Same Day Emergency Care) Centre Implementation Update

Members scrutinised the update presentation provided by The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT) further to the original proposals being presented to the Commission in March 2025. Again, a small group of Health Select Commission members benefitted from a site visit to the Centre which provided valuable operational insights and helped to inform and focus the discussions.

Members sought assurances that the new SDEC Centre is easing pressure on the Urgent and Emergency Care Centre (commonly referred to as A&E) and improving safe, timely patient flow. Discussions reflected that the SDEC, funded through a £7m national investment, is expanding front-door capacity, supporting "right clinician, right place" care, showing rising attendances and early improvements in 4-hour performance, and receiving positive patient feedback. More detailed operational impact and broader outcome data will be evaluated after 12 months.

### **The following recommendations were agreed during the meeting:**

That the Health Select Commission:

1. Noted the update in relation to the SDEC and its impact on patient care.
2. Requested that TRFT provide further data regarding the impact on waiting times, ambulance handover, staff and patient satisfaction following 12 months of operation or following a suitable period or adoption of direct referral routes to all partners for whom this is intended to assist members to fully understand the impact of the SDEC for Rotherham residents. The means via which the data will be provided, any specific considerations around metrics and a finite timeline will be agreed with TRFT in due course.

### **Work programme 2025-26 updates:**

- **Workshops/Reviews**

In progress:

Work on preparation of the Menopause Review Report is continuing. The intention continues to be that this will be presented to the Health Select Commission at its 14 May 2026 meeting.

- **Site Visits**

Lung Clinic:

On 19 March 2026, Councillors Brent, Clarke, Garner, Harper and Harrison attended the Earl of Scarborough Suite at Rotherham Hospital where the Joint Lung Clinic is based, in company with representatives from Barnsley Council's scrutiny function to experience first-hand the impact the establishment of the facility is having on patient experience and operational effectiveness connected with their care. This site visit, like the earlier visit to the SDEC was intended to add value to discussions and consideration of the related update item at the 26 March 2026 Health Select Commission meeting detailed above.

- **Quality Accounts**

The Health Select Commission is heading into a busy period of activity as it is due to receive Quality Accounts in April 2026. Preparations are underway to convene working groups to consider these, with both TRFT and RDaSH (Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Trust) having made initial contact and provided outline arrangements. This is not only an important part of the Health Select Commission's scrutiny responsibilities on behalf of the Council, but also a meaningful opportunity to consider work programming and forward planning of scrutiny activities in the coming municipal year and to ensure that focus is given to the topics and activities which offer the greatest potential for meaningful positive impact for Rotherham residents.

- **Involvement in Consultation and Co-production**

Health Select Commission members are scheduled to take part in consultation and co-production in relation to the development of the Adult Social Care Strategy 2027-2032 in late April 2026. This represents a meaningful opportunity for the Commission to put forward its views and help shape the future Strategy that will support Rotherham residents into the next decade. The Commission welcomes the Service's recognition of the value that scrutiny can add to the Strategy's development through this early engagement.

**Items to be discussed at the next meeting:**

At the HSC meeting on 14 May 2026 the following items are due to be considered:

- NHS 10 Year Plan - Local Implications incorporating NHS Neighbourhood Health Services
- Adult Social Care - CQC Inspection
- Menopause Review Report