

Health Select Commission (HSC) Chair's Briefing for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) meeting on 3 June 2026

Items covered since the last meeting:

At the HSC meeting on 14 May 2026 the following items were considered:

1. Adult Social Care CQC Inspection Outcome

Members scrutinised the Adult Social Care CQC outcome by probing the strength of evidence underpinning the 'Good' rating, focusing on performance variation, data reliability and lived experience. The Commission examined delays in assessments, safeguarding and equipment provision and the management of associated risks, whilst challenging low carers' support uptake and poorer wellbeing outcomes. Particular emphasis was placed on equity and inclusion, testing engagement with seldom-heard groups, accessibility of services and equity of experience, alongside the effectiveness of community-based approaches and partnerships. Members also questioned how meaningful co-production was in practice, sought assurance on safeguarding for people with complex needs, and pressed for clear improvement priorities, notably strengthening the carers' offer, improving equity and co-production, and reducing waiting times, supported by robust action planning and monitoring. Members also celebrated the success of the Service in achieving the 'Good' rating and looked forward to monitoring progress against targets on its continuing improvement journey.

The following recommendations were agreed during the meeting:

That the Health Select Commission:

1. Noted the contents of the report including the areas of strength and the areas of focus, as detailed in the CQC assessment report.
2. Noted Requested that the service provides the Health Select Commission with a copy of the 18 month action plan referred to under paragraph 5.1 of the report, upon this being developed.
3. Requested that service formalises arrangements, including the method of delivery and a suitable timeline, for reporting progress against CQC improvement areas documented in the 18 month action plan to the Health Select Commission.
4. Requested that service provide the Health Select Commission with information regarding the role of 'Community Connectors' to aid their understanding

2. NHS 10 Year Plan; Local Implications Incorporating Neighbourhood Health Services

Members scrutinised the NHS 10 Year Plan's local delivery by testing how the Neighbourhood Health model would be implemented in Rotherham, focusing on governance, clarity of roles and accountability, and how success would be measured and assured. The

Commission examined risks around ambiguous neighbourhood definitions, data-sharing and alignment across services, while challenging how the model would tackle health inequalities and ensure equitable access across deprived, rural and cross-boundary communities. They also probed workforce capacity, cultural change and the lack of additional funding, particularly how resources would shift from hospital to preventative and community-based care, whilst emphasising the need for strong Member oversight and meaningful engagement with residents, including seldom-heard voices, as delivery developed.

The following recommendations were agreed during the meeting:

That the Health Select Commission:

1. Noted the contents of the presentation and the update provided.
2. Requested that, as with the roles of the Place Board and Health and Wellbeing Board, the role of Health Select Commission be clearly defined and agreed at the earliest opportunity to ensure that focussed outcome driven scrutiny can be appropriately framed and scheduled in line with delivery plans and timelines. The specific details and timeline for completion of this subsequent scrutiny activity would be agreed at a suitable stage once greater clarity was achieved.
3. Requested that the Commission be sighted on and included in any engagement, consultation and co-production work supporting the Neighbourhood Health transition, including considerations around neighbourhood footprints.

3. Menopause Review Report

Members considered of the Menopause Review Report which had been prepared following work undertaken by a Working Group with the support of Council Officers, Place Partners and the Voluntary and Community Sector.

The following recommendations were agreed during the meeting:

That the Health Select Commission:

1. Noted the content of the Menopause Review Report.
2. Supported Option B as described in the report.
3. Supported the report being presented to OSMB, and subsequently Cabinet.

Work programme 2025-26 updates:

• **Quality Accounts**

The Health Select Commission has reviewed and provided formal responses to the following Quality Accounts:

- Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS)
- The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT)
- Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Trust (RDaSH)

Items to be discussed at the next meeting:

At the HSC meeting on 18 June 2026 the following items are due to be considered:

- Castle View Transition Plan
- Rotherham Women's Health Network Introduction and Overview
- Nominate Representative to Health, Safety and Welfare Panel