

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Cabinet – 14 September 2026

Report Title

Adult Social Care Local Account 2025 - 2026

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Executive Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

The 'How Did We Do?' Local Account for Adult Social Care 2025/2026 summarises the achievements for the last 12 months and sets out the priorities for the coming year.

The Local Account highlights key achievements across Adult Social Care, demonstrates the impact of services on residents and carers through case studies and feedback, celebrates the contribution of staff and partners, and outlines priorities for continued improvement during 2026/27.

Recommendations

That Cabinet approve the publication of the 'How Did We Do?' Local Account for Adult Social Care for 2025 – 2026.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 How Did We Do? Adult Social Care Local Account 2025 - 2026

Appendix 2 Local Account 2025 – 2026 – Easy Read Version

Appendix 3 Part A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

Appendix 4 Part B – Equality Analysis Form

Appendix 5 Climate Impact Assessment

Background Papers

[Rotherham Council Adult Social Care Local Account 2024-to-25](#)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

How Did We Do? Adult Social Care Local Account 2025 – 2026

1. Background

- 1.1 In 2025, Adult Social Care published 'How Did We Do?', its Local Account for 2024/25, following approval by Cabinet. The Local Account showcased the achievements of the service and outlined priorities for the coming year.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The Local Account for 2025/26 outlines the Council's achievements across Adult Social Care for the previous 12 months including:

- A positive inspection outcome with a Care Quality Commission (CQC) 'Good' rating.
- Implementation of a new transitions assessment process with partners, improving the experience of young people moving into adult services.
- Expanding the Supported Employment Service and strengthened links with local employers, helping more residents access employment opportunities.
- Established a hospital discharge 'Transfer of Care Hub' with partners, supporting timely discharge and improved outcomes for residents.
- Developed the Adult Social Care Mental Health Strategy (2026–2029).
- Progressed the development of Castle View Day Centre at Canklow for people with complex needs.
- Developed the All-Age Carers Strategy (2026–2031).
- Developed the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB) Strategic Plan (2025–2028) with key partners.
- Developed and promoted an Involvement Framework to strengthen co-production and voice across Adult Social Care services.

- 2.2 The Local Account also outlines the Council's Adult Social Care priorities for the year ahead. These priorities indicate the key areas of focus for improvement and development and are supported through separate service and programme delivery plans. These include:

- Reduced waiting times for Care Act assessments.
- Reduced inequalities for seldom heard groups.
- Strengthened and improved access to enablement services.
- Improving provision for working age adults with support needs.
- Increasing the number of carers accessing support and services.
- Further strengthening co-production and involvement approaches.
- Improving practice through audits and quality assurance.

- 2.3 The Local Account provides a view of the real and tangible impact Adult Social Care has on residents' lives through several case studies, as well as highlighting the voice of residents through feedback mechanisms, including the complaints and compliments process.

- 2.4 The Local Account includes the improvements being implemented within services to address issues raised by residents to ensure there is a process of continual service improvement.
- 2.5 A number of local authorities publish Adult Social Care Local Accounts to provide transparency about performance, outcomes and areas for improvement. Publication of Rotherham's 'How Did We Do?' Adult Social Care Local Account for 2025/26 will provide a clear and accessible account of performance and achievements.
- 2.6 The Local Account will be available digitally via the Council's website and as printed copies. An Easy Read version will also be published, and alternative formats, including large print and translated versions, can be made available on request to support accessibility and ensure residents can access information in a format that meets their needs.
- 2.7 The Adult Social Care Local Account is an annual publication designed to provide residents, carers, partners and stakeholders with an accessible overview of service performance, achievements and future priorities. Detailed operational performance information and programme monitoring are managed separately through relevant service reporting and governance arrangements.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

Option 1: Do Nothing

- 3.1 This option would seek to retain the 2024/2025 'How Did We Do?' Adult Social Care Local Account. This option is not considered to be viable as it does not reflect the current operating environment of Adult Social Care, recent successes, and future priorities.
- 3.2 Furthermore, it is essential that residents understand the important work that the Council's Adult Social Care service is delivering in partnership with people with care and support needs and partners, as the breadth of the service role is often not fully understood.

Option 2: Publish the 'How Did We Do?' Adult Social Care Local Account for 2025/26

- 3.3 Option 2 is the preferred option as it would enable a transparent, open and accountable view of Adult Social Care performance.
- 3.4 With formal regulation of council Adult Social Care departments by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) has recommended that Local Accounts of adult social care performance are formally published on an annual basis.
- 3.5 Approval of Option 2 would ensure Rotherham's approach remains aligned with that of other councils within both the South Yorkshire region and nationally.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 Resident feedback, including compliments, complaints, surveys and engagement activities, has been used to shape the achievements highlighted in the Local Account and the priorities identified for the year ahead.
- 4.2 Recent engagement undertaken to inform the All-Age Carers Strategy has also contributed to understanding local priorities and areas for improvement.
- 4.3 Engagement with residents, carers, partners and stakeholders has informed the development of the Rotherham Mental Health Strategy, helping to identify local needs, priorities and opportunities to improve mental health and wellbeing outcomes across the borough.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 September 2026 – seek approval from Cabinet to publish the 2025/26 Local Account.
- 5.2 October 2026 – publish the Local Account, subject to Cabinet approval.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 6.2 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report. However, where the Council needs to engage third party suppliers to deliver against the year ahead priorities, these must be procured in compliance with relevant procurement legislation (Public Contracts Regulations 2015, Procurement Act 2023 or the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 (whichever is appropriate)), as well as the Council's own Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 The preferred option within this report of publishing 'How Did We Do?' promotes transparency, openness and accountability, which is in compliance with the Local Government Transparency Code 2015.
- 7.2 Publication is also in line with formal regulation of Council Adult Social Care departments by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), and the recommendation of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) that Local Accounts of adult social care performance are formally published on an annual basis.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

- 8.1 There are no HR implications arising directly from this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 Not applicable.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 This Local Account will have positive implications for equalities and people with protected characteristics because it holds the Local Authority to account in terms of progress in key areas and for underrepresented groups.

10.2 An equality impact assessment has also been completed – see Appendices 3 and 4 for Parts A and B of this assessment.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 Publication of the Local Account is not expected to have any significant impact on carbon emissions. A Climate Impact Assessment has been completed and is included at Appendix 5.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 The Local Account reflects the contribution of key partners across health, care and the voluntary sector and supports continued collaborative working to improve outcomes for residents.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 Whilst the Local Account does not present any risks, there are risks associated with this document not being published.

13.2 Clear strategic priorities for Adult Social Care will communicate the direction of travel for the service and illustrate how it will further build on the positive work already being delivered.

14. Accountable Officers

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