

## GP and Dental Practices: Insight and intelligence for Rotherham Health and Well Being Board

For the purpose of this information comparisons have been made between Rotherham and Barnsley CCG (both ex –mining towns with similar demographics) and the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw area. According to the CCG classification groups published by Public Health England; Rotherham, Barnsley, Doncaster and Bassetlaw all have an orange classification meaning that they have a population with an average age structure, average deprivation levels and a low population density. Sheffield has a yellow classification meaning that they have a younger population with a higher than average proportion of the population from Black and Asian ethnic groups and moderate levels of deprivation

### Demographics

According to the Health profile published 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013<sup>1</sup> the health of people in Rotherham is generally worse than the England average whereas the health of the people in Barnsley is varied compared to the England average. In both Rotherham and Barnsley deprivation is higher than average and about 11,500 and 10,700 children respectively live in poverty. Life Expectancy is in Rotherham slightly worse than in Barnsley with 10.2 years lower for men and 6.4 years lower for women in the most deprived areas than in the least deprived. In both Barnsley and Rotherham over the last 10 years, all-cause mortality rates have fallen. The early death rate from heart disease and stroke has fallen and despite this remains worse than the England average.

### GP Practices

In summary and in response to the question; Is the number of GP practices in Rotherham comparable with other areas? The answer based on the information below is yes the number of GP practices is comparable with other areas.

**Rotherham** has 36 practices; 5 APMS (with 3 working as a social enterprise), 8 GMS and 23 PMS practices with an actual registered population (as at July 2013) of 256,793; showing an increase of 130 patients since April 2013. Out of the 36 practices 6 (17%) of those are single handed GPs. In comparison;

**Barnsley** has 38 practices; 3 APMS, 18 GMS and 17 PMS practices with an actual registered population (as at July 2013) of 251,486; showing an increase of 562 patients since April 2013. Out of the 38 practices 6 (16%) of those are single handed GPs; proportionately Rotherham has slightly more singlehanded GPs.

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<sup>1</sup> Rotherham – Health Profile 2013 Public Health England

The annual national GP survey shows that 46% of patients from Barnsley and Rotherham rated the overall experience of the GP survey as very good and 43% & 42% of patients respectively rated the experience as fairly good.

The Primary Care Web based tool (has 2 modules quality and improvement and quality assurance) provides CCG and practice level information across 5 domains (premature mortality, Long Term Conditions, Recovery from injury/illness, patient experience and patient safety) and 38 indicators mapped across to the domains.

Barnsley has 6 practices having been identified as having 5 or more points across the 38 indicators which are considered as outliers whereas Rotherham has only 3 practices that are considered as outliers. Discussions are on going about the assurance process from a contracting perspective.

### **Dental Services**

In answer to the specific question raised i.e. “Is there sufficient dental provision within Rotherham compared to other areas?”

The figures shown at Appendix One shows that for all our localities, including Rotherham we have better access rates when compared with the England average. However, it is noteworthy that nationally although the numbers of people accessing dental services has gone up, as a percentage of population children visiting a dentist had remained stable in recent years, ie about 7 in 10 children. This apparent lack of change will be of interest to policy makers.

At the other end of the age spectrum we have an increasingly dentate elderly population. Nationally the proportion of adults, including those over 85 years of age, retaining natural teeth is increasing. Although many oral diseases are largely preventable older people are more likely to experience difficulties in managing their oral care. The Local Professional Network (Dental) will be establishing a domiciliary dental care workstream to develop a way forward. There are significant variations in domiciliary care offered within Rotherham and across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw. An increasing proportion of older people will be susceptible to both tooth decay and gum disease and will require more complex dental treatment to prevent progression.

Unplanned care in Rotherham (and across SYB) is arranged via a Dental Access Service. This provides a means of accessing dental care for those patients who choose not to go to a dentist on a regular basis.

Appendix One

Patients seen in the previous 24 months as a percentage of the population, by patient type and primary care trust from 31 March 2006, 31 March 2013 and 30 June 2013 (including orthodontic patients)

PCT Name	Adults			Children			31 Mar 2006	31 Mar 2013	30 Jun 2013
	31 Mar 2006	31 Mar 2013	30 Jun 2013	31 Mar 2006	31 Mar 2013	30 Jun 2013			
England	51.6	52.5	52.5	70.7	69.1	69.1	55.8	56.1	56.0
BARNSELY PCT	60.8	64.4	64.4	72.1	77.0	76.9	63.3	67.0	67.0
BASSETLAW PCT	52.8	59.1	59.2	63.4	69.7	69.5	55.1	61.3	61.3
DONCASTER PCT	64.3	70.5	70.1	74.6	78.0	77.8	66.6	72.1	71.8
<b>ROTHERHAM PCT</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>63.7</b>
SHEFFIELD PCT	61.3	60.3	60.4	80.9	75.9	76.1	65.3	63.5	63.6