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Councillor Simon Ball
Elected Member

Via email: simon.ball@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Ball

Council Meeting – Wednesday 10th September 2025

Thank you for your question raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 10th September 2025. I have set out your question and my response below.

How has your board challenged Labour's underfunding of NHS partnerships?

Health and Wellbeing Boards were established under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to act as a forum in which key leaders from the local health and care system work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population. As such its function is not political but to ensure that all partners work together and ensure the most efficient use of resources across the health and care system, to deliver the best possible outcomes for local people.

In answer to your question Cllr Ball, in 2024/25 the Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust secured £7 million from the government's Additional Capacity Targeted Investment Fund. The money has been used to increase Rotherham's Urgent and Emergency Care Centre, creating additional capacity for urgent primary care, minor injuries and Same Day Emergency Care. Other initiatives include a new purpose-built fracture clinic and to relocate the sexual health service and pre-assessment centre. All these initiatives improve access for Rotherham residents. A number of departments are also to be refurbished including orthotics and therapy services.

Better Care Fund funding has also realised improvements in enablement and community services. In addition, the Baby Pack Scheme has been launched that aims for better long-term outcomes from birth.

The Labour Government has delivered 55,000 more GP appointments across Rotherham in the last year. Plans are also in place for investment in nine GP surgeries across the town that will allow this figure to grow further. There is also the new medical centre at Waverley.

The Health and Wellbeing Board has, through its strong partnership working, helped to achieve all of the above initiatives and more.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Joanna Baker-Rogers

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