

Health Select Commission (HSC) Chair's Briefing: for Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting on 3 February 2025

Items covered since the last meeting:

At the HSC meeting on 22 January 2025 the following items were considered:

1) Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB) Annual Report 2024-2025 and Strategic Plan 2025-2028

Members scrutinised RSAB Annual Report 2024/25 and Strategic Plan 2025–2028, which described performance during the previous year and set out its objectives over the next three years. Members sought assurances that the system was able to respond to increasing safeguarding activity and sustain reduced risk reported over time; that training, workforce capacity and multi-agency arrangements remained effective; that voice, advocacy and engagement with seldom-heard groups was robust; and that learning from reviews, data on abuse and neglect, and forward-looking commitments in the strategic plan translated into measurable improvements, clear accountability and deliverable timescales.

The following recommendations were agreed during the meeting:

That the Health Select Commission:

1. Noted the development of the 2025–2028 Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan and the content of the 2024/25 Annual Report.
2. Requested that the RSAB provide annual updates regarding delivery against the strategic plan in order to provide assurances as to its impact in terms of delivering improvements for Rotherham's vulnerable residents to the Commission, alongside its Annual Report.

2) Access To Contraception Review Report

Members reflected on the report prepared by the working group drawn from the Health Select Commissions membership and considered the recommendations and broad ambitions it outlined.

The following recommendations were agreed during the meeting:

That the Health Select Commission:

1. Noted the content of the Access to Contraception Review Report.
2. Supported Option C: Support the recommendations and long-term broad ambitions as described at Paragraph 6 of the review report presented to them.
3. Supported the report being presented to OSMB, and subsequently Cabinet in accordance with the agreed preferred option.

Work programme 2025-26 updates:

- **Workshops/Reviews**

In progress:

Following a particularly productive Menopause Workshop, discussions were held with the Chair of the Health Select Commission, Cllr Keenan, the Head of Democratic Services and Governance Manager, Health Select Commission Link Officer and Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health following which it was agreed that the outcomes from the activity were such that it was reasonable to progress this matter as a spotlight review. As such, a review report is being prepared to present the recommendations made by the working group convened to take forward via the standard scrutiny process.

Future Activity:

Members have generated five new topics for consideration as future scrutiny reviews. Details of the suggested topics have been shared with the Governance Manager for consideration in conjunction with the Chair of OSMB.

- **Off Agenda Briefings**

In January 2026, Members received an off agenda briefing in relation to the AI and digital technologies tested, piloted and being implemented within the Adult Contact Team to improve capacity, efficiency and service user experience in Adult Social Care. This briefing was directly connected to an action that arose from a previous Health Select Committee meeting.

- **Site Visits**

Two site visits have been arranged in support of forthcoming items on the Health Select Commissions agenda for its 26 March 2026 meeting. Members will visit the SDEC (Same Day Emergency Care) Centre and Non-surgical Oncology Lung Clinic at Rotherham hospital on 24th and 26th February respectively to observe operational activity and speak with staff about their experiences and improvements in patient care since the facilities opened. These site visits are intended to add value to the discussions and consideration of these items at the March Health Select Commission meeting.

Items to be discussed at the next meeting:

At the HSC meeting on 26 March 2026 the following items are due to be considered:

- Cancer Alliance Lung Clinic Update
- SDEC (Same Day Emergency Care) Implementation Update
- Confirmation of Supplementary Public Health Grants for 2026/27 - Cabinet Report (For Information Only)