

## Rotherham Place Partnership Update: September/October 2022

### Health Inequalities and Population Health

Rotherham has a Prevention and Health Inequalities Enabler Group in place which is responsible for overseeing the local Prevention and Health Inequalities (P&HI) Strategy. A subgroup has also been meeting regularly during the year as a health inequalities data group, to share updates, learning and to facilitate cross partner working and analysis.

The Rotherham Place continues to develop its Population Health Management (PHM) approach through a number of programmes set out within the P&HI strategy. The Place continues to develop the Rotherham Office of Data Analytics (RODA) as a joint initiative across partners to enhance our capacity and capability in analysing population health and health inequalities data. An analytical post to support RODAs development is expected to go out to advert in October / early November.

The Rotherham Place also concluded the NHS England and Local Government Authority sponsored Place Development Programme in October. This programme brought a wide range of professionals together across Rotherham to consider a PHM approach. The programme identified a cohort of people at risk of poorer outcomes, set out the challenges for that cohort and some potential outcomes to target to improve the health of that cohort. The programme generated an excellent range of discussion and insight, which will be translated into an action plan to take forward our PHM approach.

A health inequalities data tool has also been produced using PowerBI to assure delivery of the strategy. This provides an overview of wider contextual outcome measures as well as KPIs relating to service-delivery and a profile of the Core20 in Rotherham. The intention is that this will be developed further to include profiles of all 'plus' inclusion groups set out within Rotherham's P&HI strategy.

Work is also taking place to review Rotherham's healthy lifestyles prevention pathway. Progress so far has included the recommencement of the NHS health checks and engagement work with both communities and professionals to inform the recommissioning of smoking cessation and T2 weight management services. A proposal has also been endorsed to develop a Place communications and engagement campaign focussed on upstream messaging around prevention.

Primary Care Networks are involved in the P&HI Enabler Group and are using the Place strategy to inform their health inequalities plans.

### Cost of Living

Rotherham's population is skewed towards the lowest income deciles. Using IFS analysis, these communities will experience the highest inflation. The bottom 3 deciles are forecast to experience over 11% inflation. This equates to 128,000 people in Rotherham - roughly half the population.

The physical and mental health impacts of poverty are well known and whilst many of the issues underlying the cost of living increases are outside of the NHS sphere of influence it is important for us to consider what the role of the NHS can be in mitigating the impacts of the current situation. This includes ensuring staff have an awareness of the impacts that the rising cost of living will have on our communities; showing compassion and understanding in care delivery; and ensuring we play an important role as an Anchor Institution within local communities. We also know that staff wellbeing and support programmes are as important as services for patients.

In addition to the latest **National offer** to support people through the cost of living crisis (announced 26 May 2022), Rotherham has the following local offer: a) **Household Support Fund** will provide food vouchers for Children eligible for free school meals, support for care leavers living independently and responsible for own utility bills, support for pensioner households (flat payment to all Rotherham pensioners and applications for household grants) and b) **The Covid Recovery Fund** will provide a cash grants scheme to support energy costs and Local Council Tax support scheme.

Other support:

- Food banks
- Credit unions
- Debt advice
- Mental Health support
- Hardship funds
- Flexible Appointments for people
- Warm Spaces

We are also considering schemes that could be enacted should additional funding be identified, these include:

- Enhance Rotherhive
- Review of care sector arrangements
- Improving travel costs

### WORKING TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF LIVES LOST TO SUICIDE IN ROTTERHAM

<https://www.be-the-one.co.uk/>

There are a number of websites that provide information and advice to people and we have recently launched the new **Be the One** suicide prevention campaign:

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/money-debt-advice>  
<https://yourhealthrotherham.co.uk/energy-advice/>  
<https://rotherhive.co.uk/depression-anxiety-stress/>



## Winter and Surge Plan / What's different for 2022/23

Rotherham Place winter plan was developed in collaboration with all partners, aligned to UEC priorities, based on learning from previous years including 'Thinking Differently for Winter' workshop. It includes strong relationships with agreed escalation to executive level for assurance. The plan was signed off at the Urgent and Emergency Care Group in October, along with the Winter Communications Plan, and both were signed off at October Place Board.

Elements of plan are already delivered across Place, e.g. Virtual wards – pathways agreed and recruitment underway, urgent response 2hr implemented - 9 clinical conditions met, meeting 70% national threshold with growing trajectory. The following is a summary of what's new in the 2022/23 plan:

### Acute

- Admission avoidance in UECC extending social work function and expanding to include Voluntary Sector
- Transport provision to be extended based on capacity/demand planning
- Continued increased utilisation of Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) facilities with extended opening hours and additional consultant resource through winter
- Increased opening hours of discharge lounge, additional capacity/orthopaedic footprint will allow continuation of electives when under operational pressure

### Mental Health

- Delivery of mental health communications plan
- Development of safe space crisis drop in as an alternative to crisis team providing emotional and practical support to people in need.
- RDASH patient flow team expanded to ensure effective flow through system and reduce risk of OOA placements
- Crisis accommodation commissioned until March 2023

### Community

- Implementation of Discharge to Assess at home pathway including additional resource (nursing/therapy) and a shift of resource from acute to community
- Home care capacity - increase bridging service to support D2A pathway
- Additional community short stay beds in care homes will support effective flow

### Children and Young People

- Self-help support and wider public health information will be promoted
- CYPs Crisis & Intensive Community Support Team will engage to provide risk assessment/care/treatment to avoid re-presentation at UECC
- The Me in Mind Teams will work intensely with schools to support resilience and provide early intervention where children and young people are showing the early sign of emotional distress

### Primary Care

- Primary care will run at full core capacity, with enhanced access and same day care provided by PCNs
- PCN offer of enhanced access delivery - additional clinical backfill to enable longer appointment times and discharge from hospital reviews
- Flu and Covid vaccinations for patients delivered as a system using PCN/place footprint for delivery

### System

- Agreed approach to winter and system exceptionality meetings re Covid outbreaks in care homes in place.
- Communications plan across Place including refresh of 'Home First' principles.

### Challenges

- System challenges – leads to firefighting not transformation
- Demand, complexity of patients and delayed discharges impacting on performance at times of pressure
- Maintaining an elective programme
- Risk of further bed reductions in acute - due to cohorting flu and covid19
- Pressures on social care provision – home care market
- Workforce challenges – sickness, morale, and mental health. Risk of recruiting to winter resource

## Rotherham Vaccine Update

- All 6 PCNs working hard to deliver both covid and flu vaccines across the borough with large scale coadministration taking place where vaccine supply allows
- A number of pharmacies are also supporting the vaccination scheme and are available via the national booking system
- As of the 20<sup>th</sup> October 41% of the eligible population has been vaccinated, slightly higher than the South Yorkshire average of 39%
- 100% of care homes will be vaccinated by the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022
- Staff vaccinations are co-administering with flu vaccines (as supply allows) to protect health & social care staff over winter.
- House bound patients are being co-administered (flu & covid) to reduce visits into houses to better protect patients.
- Each week we have the vaccine pop up bus targeting hard to reach communities and local community works promoting these sessions as a walk-in
- Through November we will also be targeting industrial estates and work with local businesses to support staff vaccinations
- We are increasing capacity on the NBS system now that the 50 year cohort with more regular weekend sessions recognising the population is likely to be working
- We are increasing capacity on the NBS system now that the 50-year cohort with more regular weekend sessions recognising the population is likely to be working

