

Minutes	
Title of Meeting:	PUBLIC Rotherham Place Board: Partnership Business
Time of Meeting:	9.45am – 10.30am
Date of Meeting:	Wednesday 15 April 2026
Venue:	John Smiths Room, Town Hall, Rotherham
Chair:	John Edwards
Contact for Meeting:	Lydia George: lydia.george@nhs.net Kirsty Gleeson: Kirsty.gleeson@nhs.net
Apologies:	Shafiq Hussain, Voluntary Action Rotherham Shahida Siddique, NHS SY ICB Emily Parry-Harries, RMBC Toby Lewis, RDaSH Matt Cottle-Shaw, Rotherham Hospice Ian Spicer, RMBC Anthony Fitzgerald, SY ICB
Conflicts of Interest:	General declarations were acknowledged for Members as providers/commissioners of services. However, no specific direct conflicts/declarations were made relating to any items on today's agenda.
Quoracy:	Confirmed as quorate.

Members:

John Edwards (**JE**), Chief Executive, Rotherham MBC
 Claire Smith (**CS**), Director of Partnerships Rotherham Place, NHS SY ICB
 Dr Jason Page (**JP**), Medical Director, Rotherham Place, NHS SY ICB
 Anand Barmade (**AB**), Medical Director, Connect Healthcare Rotherham

Participants:

Lydia George (**LG**), Transformation & Partnership Portfolio Manager, NHS SY ICB
 Kym Gleeson (**KG**), Service Manager, Healthwatch Rotherham
 Bob Kirton (**BK**), Managing Director, Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
 Simon Langmead (**SL**), Neighbourhoods Lead, Rotherham Place
 Cllr Joanna Baker-Rogers (**JBR**), Health & Wellbeing Board Chair, Rotherham MBC

In attendance:

Jude Archer (**JA**), Assistant Director of Transformation, NHS SY ICB
 Joanne Martin (**JM**), Programme Lead – Transformation & Delivery, NHS SY ICB

Minute Taker:

Kirsty Gleeson, Transformation and Delivery Project Officer (Rotherham), NHS SY ICB

Item Number	Discussion Items
53/04/26	Public & Patient Questions
There were no questions from members of the public.	
54/04/26	Neighbourhood Health Framework: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/neighbourhood-health-framework/neighbourhood-health-framework
<p>Members were asked to note the publication of the National Neighbourhood Health Framework (March 2026), which sets out the Government’s approach to establishing a neighbourhood health service across England. The framework signals a fundamental shift in care delivery: from hospitals to communities, from reactive treatment to prevention, from fragmented services to integrated models of care.</p> <p>The framework defines the key deliverables, expectations, and governance arrangements that must be followed by local authorities, Place-based Partnerships, and Health and Wellbeing Boards. It establishes five National Minimum Goals that the Rotherham system is required to deliver, with a particular focus on: improving outcomes and access to general practice, enhancing patient experience and continuity of care. Delivery through strong Place-level leadership, alignment of financial and commissioning arrangements and system-level assurance to support consistent implementation</p> <p>Next steps are to schedule a workshop for mid-May 2026, ahead of the next Place Board meeting to support the development of a Rotherham-specific plan setting out how neighbourhood health will be implemented locally in line with the national framework.</p>	
55/04/26	National Neighbourhood Health Improvement Programme Wave One Summary of Achievement Report
<p>JM presented a report summarising what Rotherham Place achieved during Wave One of the National Neighbourhood Health Implementation Programme, which ran from September 2025 to March 2026.</p> <p>As part of the programme, partners were asked to complete a Place-level review using a “360 assessment” that looked at how well organisations work together. This assessment took place in October 2025 and again in February 2026. People were asked to rate themselves and their organisations against a set of collaborative behaviours, with results showing the percentage who agreed or strongly agreed with each statement.</p> <p>The October results gave a clear picture of where the partnership was at that time. The response rate in February was lower, likely due to organisational changes taking place across the system. This means the February results may reflect a mix of Place-level work and wider programmes rather than the Place partnership alone. While some scores improved, reflecting ongoing discussions and joint problem-solving, it was noted that the findings are based on a relatively small number of responses.</p> <p>Overall, Rotherham Place has moved from the mobilising phase into the development stage and is now well on the way to delivering its plans. The report reflected on the partnership’s progress, highlighting what has been achieved so far, what has helped enable this progress, and the challenges that have been worked through. One key learning has been that using data to target activity helps improve decision-making.</p>	

Next steps and future milestones have been identified. Regional teams have fed back to the national programme, advising that changes should not be introduced too quickly to allow local systems time to embed new ways of working.

JM also highlighted the Proactive Care model now embedded in Rotherham. This includes structured monthly multidisciplinary team (MDT) meetings, based on risk stratification, and incorporates social prescribing delivered by the voluntary and community sector (VCS). Early evidence shows this integrated approach is having a positive impact on patients.

56/04/26

Communications to Partners/Promoting Events & Consultations

Healthwatch Rotherham is currently conducting a survey to gather vital insight for an upcoming report exploring inequalities in healthcare related to female health.

57/04/26

Draft Minutes and Action Log from Public Place Board

The minutes from the meeting held on 18 February 2026 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

The action log was reviewed.

58/04/26

Risks and Items for Escalation to Appropriate Board

Health Bill 2026 – KG from Health Watch provided an update that the Health Bill will not go through Parliament this week as originally planned and has been delayed until July. It was noted that the Healthwatch contract ends in March 2027. After this date, there would be no independent patient voice represented on the Place Board or Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) unless alternative arrangements are agreed.

Members discussed whether the Place Board and HWBB wish to continue having an independent patient voice. JE and JBR will discuss this further and bring back a recommendation.

Action: JE/JBR

59/04/26

Future Agenda Items:

Standing Items

- To be confirmed

60/04/26

Date of Next Meeting

Members formally recorded their thanks to LG for her support to the Rotherham Place Board over several years, recognising her contribution and commitment to the partnership and wished her well for the future.

The next meeting will be held on: **Wednesday 20 May 2026 at 9.30 –10.30am**, John Smith Room, Rotherham Town Hall

Members

Chris Edwards (Joint Chair)	Executive Place Director/ICB Deputy Chief Executive	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
John Edwards (Joint Chair)	Chief Executive	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Ian Spicer	Strategic Director, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health/Deputy CE	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Emily Parry-Harries	Director of Public Health	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Richard Jenkins	Chief Executive	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Bob Kirton	Managing Director	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Shafiq Hussain	Chief Executive	Voluntary Action Rotherham
Toby Lewis	Chief Executive	Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Anand Barmade	Medial Director	Connect Healthcare Rotherham (GP Federation)

Participants

Cllr Joanna Baker- Rogers	Chair of H&WB Board	Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board
Claire Smith	Director of Partnerships, Rotherham Place	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Andrew Russell	Director of Nursing, Rotherham & Doncaster Place	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Dr Jason Page	Medical Director, Rotherham Place	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Wendy Allott	Director of Financial Transformation Rotherham Place	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Shahida Siddique	Independent Non-Executive Member	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Nicola Curley	Director of Children's Services, RMBC	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Matt Cottle-Shaw	Chief Executive	Rotherham Hospice
Kym Gleeson	Service Manager	Healthwatch Rotherham
Lydia George	Transformation and Partnership Portfolio Manager (Rotherham)	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Gordon Laidlaw	Head of Communications	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Christina Harrison	Rotherham Care Group Director	Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust