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Title of Meeting:	PUBLIC Rotherham Place Board: Partnership Business
Time of Meeting:	9.30am – 10.30am
Date of Meeting:	Wednesday 15 July 2026
Venue:	Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Rotherham
Chair:	Claire Smith
Contact for Meeting:	Joanne Martin: Joanne.Martin19@nhs.net Kirsty Gleeson: Kirsty.gleeson@nhs.net
Apologies:	Anand Barmade, Medical Director, Connect Healthcare Rotherham Bob Kirton, Managing Director, Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust Chris Barnes, Chief Operating Officer, Connect Healthcare Rotherham Jodie Roberts, Director of Operations/ Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
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:

Ian Spicer **(IS)** Strategic Director, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
 Claire Smith **(CS)** Portfolio Director – Contract and Commissioning, NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
 Simon Langmead **(SL)** Primary Care Lead for Neighbourhood Working, Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC
 Emily Parry-Harries **(EPH)**, Director of Public Health, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
 Shafiq Hussain **(SH)**, Chief Executive, Voluntary Action Rotherham
 John Edwards **(JE)**, Chief Executive, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Participants:

Cllr Joanna Baker-Rogers **(JBR)** Health and Wellbeing Board Chair, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
 Kym Gleeson **(KG)** Service Manager, Healthwatch Rotherham
 Jason Page **(JP)** Medical Director – Rotherham, NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
 Jude Archer **(JA)** Assistant Director – Transformation & Delivery, NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
 Matt Cottle-Shaw **(MCS)** Chief Executive Officer, Rotherham Hospice
 James Eustace **(JE)** Care Group Director, Rotherham, Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust

In attendance:

Joanne Martin **(JM)** Programme Lead – Transformation & Delivery, NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
 Helen Sweaton **(HS)** Joint Service Director, Commissioning, Quality and Performance Children and Young People Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Minute Taker:

Kirsty Gleeson (**KLK**) Transformation and Delivery Project Officer (Rotherham), NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board

Item Number	Discussion Items
79/07/26	Public & Patient Questions
There were no questions from members of the public.	
80/07/26	Update from Director of Public Health
The Board received a reflection on the Director of Public Health's first 12 months in post, together with an overview of emerging priorities for the Public Health team. A key focus will be embedding a life-course approach to health and wellbeing, recognising that poorer health outcomes often begin earlier in life and that ageing and frailty should not be viewed as synonymous. Members noted the importance of supporting residents not only to live longer but to live well, with a continued emphasis on prevention and reducing health inequalities across Rotherham. The Director of Public Health welcomed the continued partnership focus on tackling health inequalities and an update was provided on recruitment to expand Public Health capacity, including the appointment of a permanent Public Health Consultant and a temporary consultant role within TRFT to strengthen work on prevention and population health. Priorities for the coming year include smoking and vaping, alcohol and drug-related harm reduction, support for patients admitted to hospital, and engagement with national work arising from the Gambling Levy. The Public Health team is also keen to work with the Health and Wellbeing Board to develop a broader prevention strategy for Rotherham, while continuing to support Best Start programmes, neighbourhood development, and the wider prevention agenda. The Director of Public Health also noted additional investment in the Infection Prevention and Control team, which will enable a more proactive approach to managing public health risks and supporting community health outcomes. SH noted that Voluntary Action Rotherham's recent gambling-related funding bid was unsuccessful but confirmed a willingness to work with and support Public Health in the development of future funding opportunities and bids in this area.	
81/07/26	Place Board Terms of Reference and Rotherham Partnership Agreement – for information
The updated Place Board Terms of Reference and Rotherham Partnership Agreement had been approved at the Confidential Place Board meeting held on 17 June 2026. The documents were presented to the public meeting for information and to formally place the agreed arrangements in the public domain.	

82/07/26	Healthwatch Rotherham annual report 2025/26 – for information
	KG presented the Healthwatch Rotherham Annual Report, highlighting engagement with 1,910 residents during 2025/26 and support provided to more than 1,500 people seeking information, advice, and assistance in accessing health and care services. During the year, Healthwatch produced 78 reports, including a review of the Trust’s Waiting Well service, which led to the development of a joint 12-month improvement plan with TRFT to enhance support for patients awaiting treatment. The report also highlighted improvements to Adult Social Care accessibility, the co-production and launch of the Veterans Health Passport, and the development of communication cards to support people with additional communication needs when accessing services. Key themes emerging from public feedback included access to dental services, hospital waiting times, communication issues and barriers experienced by under-represented communities. Healthwatch continues to play a key role in addressing health inequalities through targeted engagement with seldom-heard groups and in providing valuable patient insight and intelligence to system partners. Board members welcomed the report and thanked Healthwatch for its continued work and contribution to improving health and care services across Rotherham.
83/07/26	Children’s Transformation Update
	HS provided an update on the significant programme of transformation taking place across children’s services and the implications of national reforms, particularly in the context of evolving ICB structures and responsibilities. Members heard that Rotherham is in a strong position to deliver the required changes, supported by well-established partnership arrangements across the borough. The update focused on the Families First Partnership Programme and SEND reforms, both of which place greater expectations on partners to work in a more integrated way. Families First aims to create a more seamless journey for children and families through enhanced early help, family support and multi-agency working, underpinned by integrated commissioning, service redesign, data sharing, and a stronger focus on outcomes. SEND reforms require a more coordinated approach to supporting children and young people with additional needs, including the development of an “Experts at Hand” offer to mainstream schools, improved inclusion, and strengthened multi-agency reporting and accountability arrangements. Members noted that expectations around strategic leadership, data sharing and pooled or aligned budgets continue to evolve within the changing ICB landscape. The Board heard that year one priorities include increasing family network meetings, developing a strengthened Family Help offer, improving access to support for families, piloting inclusion bases within schools, and developing new pathways and services to improve outcomes for children and young people. Success will be measured through tangible improvements in the SEND offer, inclusion, parental confidence, and family experiences. During discussion, members explored how the reforms will help address increasing numbers of Education, Health and Care Plans and reduce the stigma often associated with SEND. It was noted that the reforms promote a more inclusive mainstream education system, supported through co-production with families and the Rotherham Parent Carers Forum,

improved engagement between schools and parents, and specialist support delivered directly into schools.

Members were advised that schools have received additional resources to enhance inclusion, children's services have expanded specialist capacity to support schools, and a new Inclusion Statement and escalation framework have been introduced. It was also noted that Cabinet has approved additional Educational Psychology capacity to strengthen support and interventions within schools.

The Board welcomed the progress being made and the strong emphasis on inclusion, prevention and partnership working.

84/07/26

Communications to Partners/Promoting Events & Consultations

The Rotherham Show will take place on 5–6 September 2026 and presents an opportunity for partners to engage with local communities, promote services, and raise awareness of key health and wellbeing initiatives.

Rotherham Day will take place on 18 September 2026. The event is being organised by local business representatives, with the Council providing support rather than leading delivery. It was noted that the initiative has significant potential and represents an interesting opportunity to celebrate and showcase Rotherham, its communities, and local businesses.

RDASH Fund Day will take place in Doncaster on Saturday 18 July 2026, providing an opportunity to highlight the impact of charitable fundraising and community support across RDASH services.

Rotherham Women's Network Conference is being planned for next year. Partners are expected to be invited to support and contribute to the event.

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Draft Minutes and Action Log from Public Place Board

The minutes from the meeting held on 17 June 2026 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

The action log was reviewed, with two actions remaining amber-rated from 15/04/26 and 17/06/26. These relate to the escalation of patient voice within partnership arrangements, currently situated within the Health and Wellbeing Board, and seeking further clarification from the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) regarding the future role and representation of the ICB within partnership meetings.

Members agreed to keep both actions open until completed.

86/06/26

Risks and Items for Escalation to Appropriate Board

None raised.

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Future Agenda Items:

None raised.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on: **Wednesday 19 August 2026 at 9.30 –10.30am**, John Smith Room, Rotherham Town Hall

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Members

John Edwards (Joint Chair)	Chief Executive	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Ian Spicer	Strategic Director, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	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 (Joint Chair)	Managing Director	The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Shafiq Hussain	Chief Executive	Voluntary Action Rotherham
Toby Lewis (Joint Chair)	Chief Executive	Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust
Claire Smith	Portfolio Director – Contract and Commissioning	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Anthony Fitzgerald	Executive Place Director - Rotherham	NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Anand Barmade	Medical Director	Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC
Simon Langmead (Joint Chair)	Primary Care Lead for Neighbourhood Working	Connect Healthcare Rotherham CIC

Participants

Nicola Curley	Director of Children's Services	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Joanna Baker-Rodgers	Chair	Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board
Kym Gleeson	Service Manager	Healthwatch Rotherham
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