



**Rotherham Together Partnership (RTP) meeting**  
**5.00-7.00pm, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
**Voluntary Action Rotherham, The Spectrum, Coke Hill, Rotherham**

**Draft notes and action points**

**Attendees:**

Watson, Cllr Gordon  
Austin, Jason  
Strelczenie, Andrew  
Chambers, Andrew  
Simpson, Cllr Nigel  
Mallinder, Cllr Jeanette  
Chapman, Steve  
Pater, Lawson  
Freeborn, Jackie  
Cullen, Dr Richard  
Havenhand, Martin  
Kemp, Sharon  
Ramzan, Mohammed  
Whittle, Sarah  
Noble, Jamie

Lelliott, Cllr Denise  
Barnett, Louise  
Wood, Angela

**Supporting officers:**

Leach, Simeon

**Apologies:**

Read, Cllr Chris  
Roche, Cllr David  
Scholey, Chris  
Bussey, Nick  
Dexter, Adrian  
Cowles, Cllr Allen  
Hoddinott, Cllr Emma

**Sector/Organisation:**

Children and Young People's Partnership (Chair)  
Further Education  
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue  
Business Representative  
RMBC  
RMBC  
South Yorkshire Police  
RDaSH  
Business Representative  
Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group  
The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust  
Chief Executive, RMBC  
VCF Sector Representative  
Voluntary Action Rotherham  
VCF Sector Representative  
  
RMBC (for item 6)  
The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (for item 3)  
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**Sector/Organisation:**

Leader, RMBC  
Health & Wellbeing Board  
Business Growth Board  
VCF Sector Representative  
VCF Sector Representative  
RMBC  
Chair, Safer Rotherham Partnership

Luqman, Khalida	VCF Sector Representative
Morris, Steve	Business Representative
Pogson, Lisa	Business Representative
Ridsdale, Matthew	Business Representative
Swales, Mark	Sheffield Hallam University

**Rotherham Together Partnership:**

Holmes, Michael  
Mould, Jackie

	Agenda item	Action
1.	<p><b>Opening, welcome and introductions</b></p> <p>Cllr Watson, chairing in the absence of Cllr Read, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were noted as above.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Notes and actions from the previous meeting</b></p> <p>The notes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p> <p><b>Actions</b></p> <p><i>Notes</i></p> <p>It was agreed that meeting notes would be circulated to members as soon as they are available</p> <p><i>Council healthcheck</i></p> <p>Sharon thanked people for their help and noted that a letter had been sent to partners.</p>	Michael Holmes
3.	<p><b>The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT) Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection</b></p> <p>Martin Havenhand introduced the item, explaining that it gives partners the chance to hold TRFT to account and be reassured that appropriate action is being taken in response to inspection findings.</p> <p>Louise Barnett started the presentation, explaining the inspection process and the findings, both positive and negative. Whilst children's services have made significant progress in recent years, there are real challenges for urgent and emergency services, which received inadequate ratings for being safe and well-led.</p>	

	<p>Angela Wood provided details of action being taken across all areas in response to the findings. There are 47 “must dos” and 27 “should dos”, with different timescales to take action based on the complexity of the issues identified. The CQC are happy with the response so far and TRFT have been proactive in inviting them back for another inspection later in the year.</p> <p>Questions followed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Chapman mentioned concerns in relation to police referrals for vulnerable people (e.g. domestic abuse or knife crime victims). Angela explained that systems were in place, training had been carried out, and there were regular spot checks. Louise confirmed that this was picked up in the inspection and so has been a major focus area.</li> <li>• Sara Whittle expressed disappointment that the urgent and emergency care centre (UECC) appears to be doing so badly given that it’s a new facility, and asked whether this related to areas of innovation or losing sight of the basics. Louise suggested that cultural issues were central to the findings and there was a challenge in terms of visibility, particularly for the purpose-built children’s section of the UECC. The CQC hadn’t necessarily recognised the change model and level of innovation, but were still right to highlight the failings. Louise also confirmed that a proposal had been developed for the VCS/volunteers to play a greater role.</li> <li>• Cllr Mallinder asked about risk and the correlation between risks identified and actual incidents. It was confirmed that this process is robust and reviewed regularly.</li> <li>• Cllr Watson was pleased that another inspection had been requested as this will provide reassurance to partners and the public that issues have been addressed.</li> <li>• Sharon Kemp asked whether TRFT were working with the local safeguarding boards to address safeguarding issues. Angela and Louise confirmed that they were testing proposed responses with boards/partners, for example on the referrals process, and that they remained keen to invite challenge from partners and partnership boards.</li> <li>• Martin ended by saying that the latest report provides a snapshot and noted that significant progress has been made in recent years on issues such as financial planning.</li> </ul>	
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4.	<p><b>Theme board updates</b></p> <p>Theme board chairs, including Martin for Ambition Rotherham, talked through the presentation slides, which briefly summarised: what’s working well, areas of concern, action being taken, and key messages for partners.</p> <p><b>Safer Rotherham Partnership (Steve Chapman)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hate crime improving – performance measures are misleading as recording of hate crime has improved, but it is not always feasible to find a suspect. There have also been changes in what’s classed as a positive outcome</li> <li>• Work on child criminal exploitation is expanding and Steve talked about the issues and extent of the problem in Rotherham</li> <li>• Overall, Steve felt that good progress was being made in understanding and addressing areas of risk</li> </ul> <p><b>Children and Young People’s Partnership and Transformation Board (Cllr Watson)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 3 very strong youth voice groups in the borough, all of which are effectively utilised by the board</li> <li>• Developing a new plan on a page and need to ensure that related performance measures are meaningful rather than just things that are easy to monitor</li> <li>• Sarah suggested that sub-groups could lead to silo working</li> </ul> <p><b>Business Growth Board (Simeon Leach)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3,000 attendees at GUTS (Get up to Speed) event, with improved attendance from Rotherham schools</li> <li>• Expression of interest submitted to the Future High Streets fund – up to £25m available</li> <li>• Economic growth plan to be reviewed in order to refresh priorities, increase emphasis on inclusive growth, and align with new city region economic plans</li> </ul> <p><b>Ambition Rotherham Board (Martin Havenhand)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently 81 pioneers who make varying financial contributions based on the size of the organisation</li> <li>• Challenge in relation to getting good news stories out to a wider audience whilst not compromising the business model (i.e. exclusive access for pioneers/founders)</li> <li>• Jackie Freeborn to circulate details of forthcoming events</li> </ul>	Jackie Freeborn
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5.	<p><b>Partnership performance update</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Rotherham Plan delivery plan</b></p> <p>Michael talked through the latest position on the milestones – most have been achieved in year, with a few delayed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On milestone 12, roll-out of integrated health and social care teams, the local approach is being reviewed in light of new guidance set out in the NHS long term plan</li> <li>• On 14, the autism strategy is delayed, demonstrating that co-production – whilst positive – often takes longer.</li> </ul> <p><b>5.2 Performance scorecard</b></p> <p>Michael talked through the cover report and the scorecard. The key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The performance measures are just one way of gauging progress, along with the milestones and theme board activity. Partners’ ability to influence them, particularly in the short term, will vary.</li> <li>• Though the overall picture has worsened, in many cases performance has only declined marginally</li> <li>• On the face of it, building stronger communities is the greatest area of concern, but Steve Chapman has already provided some context and reassurance as part of the SRP update.</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Employment and skills strategy final draft</b></p> <p>Cllr Lelliott introduced the strategy, emphasising the need for all partners to commit to helping deliver it, even though it will be overseen by the business growth board. A detailed action plan will be developed for each outcome, and again the plans will need to be owned by everyone. There needs to be a particular focus on supporting those who are excluded and lack opportunity.</p> <p>After the meeting, partners will have two weeks to comment before the strategy is finalised. It will then be endorsed by RMBC’s cabinet in June. Sharon asked that each partner endorse the strategy through their respective governance arrangements so that organisations understand how they can contribute.</p> <p>Richard Cullen suggested that digital exclusion is a key issue and Simeon confirmed that action to address this would be included</p>	Simeon Leach

	<p>in the action plans.</p> <p>Mohammed Ramzan asked whether empty shops in the town centre could be used by the community. Simeon explained that many of them are not council-owned and the landlords are often hard to contact.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Rotherham Plan annual delivery plan 2019/20 and partnership showcase event</b></p> <p>Sharon talked through the delivery plan, which highlights headline achievements in 2018/19 and sets out key milestones for 2019/20.</p> <p>In terms of the showcase event, which will take place from 1.30pm on 12th June at New York Stadium, a series of short films have been commissioned. These will focus on human stories, showing how partnership initiatives have helped to change people's lives. There will also be presentations from McLaren and Muse Developments (Forge Island developer).</p>	
8.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	

Next meeting:

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 5.00-7.00pm, Voluntary Action Rotherham