NHS Rotherham is rated “good” for delivering value for money and high quality services for patients in the latest Annual Health Check

For the third year running, NHS Rotherham is consistently one of the best performing primary care trusts in the country according to national performance ratings released by the Care Quality Commission today.

NHS Rotherham received two overall ratings of “good” in the Annual Health Check for commissioning quality patient care and the quality of financial management. The report recognised NHS Rotherham for the quality of health services it purchases on behalf of the local population and that the organisation is performing well in relation to how it spends the £420m of taxpayers money on healthcare for Rotherham residents. Some of the achievements highlighted in the ratings include:

• Achieving core standards relating to the quality of patient care such as safety, infection control, dignity, respect, privacy and confidentiality;
• Meeting the 18 week referral to treatment times target with the vast majority of patients now treated within 18 weeks
• Seeing all patients with suspected cancer within two weeks
• Supporting more people in stopping smoking through the Rotherham Stop Smoking Service
• Ensuring that more people in Rotherham have access to dental services than ever before
• Staff working at the PCT were very satisfied with their working lives
• Very low rates of healthcare associated infections such as Clostridium difficile in local hospitals and community services

NHS Rotherham scored less highly in some areas including teenage pregnancy and breastfeeding rates and addressing challenging health issues such as childhood obesity.

NHS Rotherham, Chief Executive Andy Buck said, “We are pleased with the results of the Annual Health Check. It clearly shows our patients and the public that we are making significant improvements to local health services year on year and is a testament to the hard work of our staff who continually aim to provide high quality patient services whilst making the best use of resources.
“However we recognise that there is always room for improvement so we will be looking in detail at our results to look at ways of commissioning even higher quality health services to ensure the people of Rotherham receive only the very best healthcare.”

NHS Rotherham, formally known as Rotherham Primary Care Trust, leads local health services and invested more than £420m of taxpayers money into hospital and primary care services including GP surgeries and community pharmacists over the past year.

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Additional note to Rotherham Advertiser

NHS Rotherham is at the forefront of commissioning some excellent initiatives to address health issues such as obesity but these schemes involve changes to diet and lifestyle which take some time to see measurable and sustainable results.

Notes for Editors

1. The full results are available www.cqc.org.uk

2. NHS Rotherham leads the borough’s health service by investing £420 million of your money into local health services. Our aim is Better Health and Better Lives for everyone in Rotherham. NHS Rotherham pays for the services provided by all the health services in the Borough, including all GPs, dentists, and pharmacists, community health services, Rotherham Hospital and Rotherham’s mental health services.

3. NHS Rotherham also provides a range of community health services through Rotherham Community Health Services, including Health Visiting, District Nursing, Podiatry and Contraception and Sexual Health services.

4. Our vision for the next five years is for:
   * Babies to be born healthy and have the best start in life
   * Children and young people to be fit and active
   * Quick and convenient access to excellent services for all
   * People with long term conditions will be supported to manage their health and access services
   * Easy access to services for people with mental health problems
   * People to be able to choose where they die

4. NHS Rotherham is still legally a Primary Care Trust.

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