**Questions from AGM 4th July 2018**

**Q1 Is there going to be more awareness in Rotherham about Multiple Sclerosis?**

A1 Dr Cullen & Dr Page answered this – The MS Service works across the region, as part of a joint neurology service. Patient input is always valued, and if people feel there needs to be more awareness, we would support individuals and organisations to feed into the regional discussions

**Q2 There is hardly anything out there for Autism.**

A2 Ian Atkinson Deputy Chief Officer answered – Autism is in the Commissioning Plan, showing that the CCG has a clear intention to commission services, and that this is a priority for the CCG. Currently, we are working with colleagues in the local authority around what autism, and key strands are

* What happens after people are diagnosed with autism.
* Working on an autism strategy and actions
* Autism awareness.

Its really important that people with autism and carers are part of this, we have been working with people with autism, and want to carry on engaging with people as this work develops.

**Q3 Tony Clabby, Healthwatch Rotherham stated that the CCG have done well to balance the books and should be congratulated.**

**What does future hold for CAMHS? (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services)**

A3 Ian Atkinson and Dr Page – CAMHS is now included every year in our commissioning plans, showing how important this is to the CCG. We are currently reviewing the pathways and working with local providers to make the service as good as it can be.

**Q4 NHS is still here and publicly funded. Would you be able to explain the fears you have for future years? The Hospital Services Review doesn’t show cuts potentially coming our way.**

A4 Dr Cullen acknowledged the fears and concerns of many people; and that these have been expressed in the cross Rotherham work (the Place Board). Working together means we can better speak as one voice for Rotherham and Rotherham patients. But we will have to be honest when we balance what Rotherham people want and we can provide.

It will be important to maximise the Rotherham pound to benefit the Rotherham patient population.

**Q5 Query around help and support for 9 year old with ADHD**

A5 Dr Page stated that RDASH working with the CCG to improve the service for ADHD. GP’s can often struggle to diagnose children, as they only see people for a few minutes; it can be much easier to identify problems in schools, where they see children for 8 hours a day. There are a variety of services to support children and young people, for example Early Help, and through CAMHS workers in schools.

*NB – the person who asked this question was offered 1:1 advise after the meeting*

**Q6 What is the actual financial surplus?**

A6 Wendy Allott –Our 17-18 in-year Surplus is £2.3 million; of which £1.8 million is the Risk Reserve we have to preserve in our books and were instructed to release to our bottom line to contribute to the national overspend.

**Q7 What are the CCG’s concerns regarding the SY&B footprint?**

A7 Chris Edwards – The CCG is a statutory organisation and is still accountable. This is not changing. Across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, we are working more in partnership than previously. To date no money has been moved around the system.