

Healthwatch Rotherham is the independent champion for people who use health and social care services in your local area. We listen to your needs, experiences and concerns, and speak out on your behalf to improve services for everyone.

January 2022

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COVID-19 update:

England is moving to Plan B in response to the risks of the Omicron variant.

- Get vaccinated and get your booster dose.
- Wear a face covering in most indoor public places and on public transport
- Work from home, if you can
- Let fresh air in if you meet indoors. Meeting outdoors is safer
- Get tested and self-isolate if required

Fully vaccinated contacts of someone with COVID-19 should take rapid lateral flow tests every day for 7 days. If you test positive or develop symptoms, you need to self-isolate for 10 days. People aged 18 or over can pre-book a booster dose appointment 2 months after their second vaccine dose. You can get your booster dose 3 months after your second vaccine dose. Book your booster vaccination appointment or find a walk-in vaccination site.

The latest figures in Rotherham show an increase of 36.8% in Covid-19 cases on the previous week. (13th-19th December 2021)

84.7% of people aged 12 and over in Rotherham have now had their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, with 78.2% having had their second dose. (18th December). Vaccine data now includes 12-15 year olds so the percentages are lower than they were previously. We currently do not have exact data for third dose/booster totals in Rotherham.



Healthwatch Let's Talk...Dental Access and Health Inequalities - Wednesday 26th January 2022

Our next 'Let's Talk' event will be surrounding dental access and health inequalities in accessing dentistry. The session will be discussing current dental issues and the difficulties people are facing when trying to access a dentist. We will be joined by guest speakers who can answer any questions or issues you have on these topics. We look forward to seeing you there.

This will be at a later time of 1pm, instead of the usual time of 11am due to a statutory meeting.

Joining details:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81094409684?pwd=V3VSbEdXQmpnNTh2VlY3UnVMV05ldz09>

Meeting ID: 810 9440 9684

Passcode: 182736

Dentist Survey:

Healthwatch Rotherham is conducting a survey on access to NHS dentist appointments in Rotherham.

Please take a few moments to answer the questions in the survey linked below to help us try to improve health and social care services for Rotherham residents. Please share this with your contacts, clients and service users. We want to get as many responses as we can.

The survey will close on Friday 7th January.

<https://forms.gle/B8tC2TeuKaxAPS1TA>



Merry Christmas from Healthwatch Rotherham

We will be closing at 5pm on Wednesday 22nd December, and will re-open at 9am on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

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Healthwatch Rotherham is here to listen to your experiences of health and social care services in Rotherham to make sure providers get it right for everyone. If you've had an experience—good or bad—please get in touch

<https://healthwatchrotherham.org.uk/share-your-views>

