Rotherham General Hospital seized the opportunity to demonstrate its actions in tackling and controlling infections to the boss of the NHS on the 18th September.

NHS Chief Executive David Nicholson had chosen to visit Rotherham Hospital on the day that new infection targets were announced by the Department of Health because Rotherham Hospital continues to be one of the top performers in the country.

The year on year reduction in infection rates for both MRSA and Clostridium difficile at the Trust are a real demonstration of the hard work and commitment that goes into making the patient environment as safe as possible.

David Nicholson selected the organisation for a visit so that he could see for himself the work that is being done by Rotherham Hospital in this area. During his visit David Nicholson met the key personnel involved with developing the Trust’s infection control procedures as well as some of the staff on wards and departments who are responsible for delivering infection control measures.

The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust Chief Executive Brian James said, “Supported by our excellent Infection Control Team, the organisation as a whole have placed enormous importance on, and take great pride in, reducing hospital acquired infections. We know that we must not be complacent and we intend to keep investing in infection control measures to ensure the safety of our patients”. “The fact that the Chief Executive of the NHS has recognised Rotherham Hospital’s success in this area and chosen to come here is a source of great pride for all of us”.

“For those employees who met David Nicholson it was an opportunity to demonstrate just how much effort goes into controlling and preventing infections by everyone involved in patient care”, added Brian.
Rotherham General Hospital has just become the first centre in the world with the latest in Photopheresis technology.

Rotherham hospital provides one of only three Photopheresis units in the UK, with the other two units being in London and Belfast. The treatment is specifically for people suffering with a rare form of skin cancer and those suffering chronic Graft versus Host Disease, which is a condition that can occur as a consequence of a bone marrow transplantation.

The makers of Photopheresis machines have developed a new model and Rotherham Hospital is the first in the world to receive the newly designed piece of equipment.

Rotherham was selected as it is one of the most active treatment and research units in Europe.

The treatment consists of attaching the patient to a machine which draws off blood, separates out the white cells and then exposes these cells to ultraviolet irradiation before returning them to the patient. Patients undergo treatments on two successive days, at either fortnightly or monthly intervals. Depending upon the patient’s response to the Photopheresis, treatment may continue for months or occasionally even years.

Consultant Haematologist, Dr Peter Taylor, who manages the unit said, “This is great news for Rotherham and for the patients we treat. To have the very latest equipment gives patients the best chance of success in treating these rare but very serious conditions.”

“The new machine compliments the existing four machines that are already on the unit. It delivers over 1000 ECP (extracorporeal photochemotherapy – the other term for Photopheresis) treatments per year, and is staffed by a pool of four trained and motivated nursing staff, who are central to the delivery of safe and effective patient care”
Rotherham Hospital employees joined staff from 21 other Rotherham organisations to take part in the Jamie Oliver ‘Pass it On’ Event on Tuesday 8th July. Jamie Oliver has chosen Rotherham to attempt to change the eating habits of the nation. Jamie’s view is that a lot of people have lost their love of fresh, home-cooked food. The ‘Pass it On’ event was set up to ask local employers to get involved in the project by asking for volunteers and sponsoring employees by paying for the ingredients for the event.

The Trust had a hundred representatives at the event learning how to cook a simple but fresh dish and then, after having eaten the tasty stir-fry, passing on the recipe to the next group of volunteer employees.

The volunteers representing the hospital joined employees from Rotherham Council, NHS Rotherham (formerly the Primary Care Trust), KP Nuts and the Royal Mail.

Event organiser for the Trust, Michelle Gibson, said, “It was a good fun event that also has a strong public health message. The organisation had 100 representatives at the event and most people that I spoke to found the cooking experience enjoyable and the idea of encouraging people to cook fresh food from scratch an idea worthy of our support”.

“With all the media coverage at the moment about food prices, obesity and healthy eating it’s good that the organisation showed support for the event”. Jamie Oliver said, “I challenged everyone who was there to go back to their office, factory, warehouse, hospital or school and get at least two other members of staff cooking as well. Hopefully, this will go a long way to getting as many people as possible cooking again. It’s a great way of bringing people together, having fun and creating a healthier workplace so there’s every reason to get involved”.

“Basically, if everyone who came to the Magna Centre passes on their dish to just two more people we’ll have 3,000 people cooking. And if they pass it on to two more people we’ll have 7,000 people cooking!”, he added.

The event will form part of a television series, which is due to be broadcast in September.
At the end of March 2008, Rotherham Hospital celebrated achieving the December 2008 18 week target. Brian James, Chief Executive said, “I want to thank every single person who has been involved with achieving this fantastic result”. “Our achievement demonstrates that we are one of the best performing organisations in the country. Ensuring treatment within 18 weeks is good for patients as it reduces stress and anxiety and prevents their conditions getting worse. However, we have ambitions to reduce that waiting time further”, he added.

The 18 week target applies to all patients that are referred from Primary Care to a consultant led service for planned care. It also applies to patients who are referred to an intermediate or assessment service, if the patient is then referred onward to a medical or surgical consultant led service. Patients that are treated as an ‘emergency’ are excluded from 18 weeks.

The 18 week clock starts when the referral is received here at the hospital, or when the Unique Booking Reference Number (UBRN) is converted on Choose and Book. The 18 week clock stops when we give patients their first definitive treatment, or they are discharged as treatment is not required, or the patient does not attend their first appointment. The clock can also be stopped if the patient or consultant decides that the patient needs to ‘wait and see’ how the condition develops, or the patient declines treatment.

All provider organisations were set the task of ensuring that by December 2008, 95% of patients that do not need admitting and 90% of all patients that do need admitting have their clock stopped within 18 weeks. The 18 weeks include any time waiting for and receiving diagnostic tests.

By the end of March 2008 Rotherham Hospital ensured that 97% of non-admitted and 91% of admitted patients had their clock stopped within 18 weeks. This means we have not only met but exceeded the December 2008 target. This is a tremendous achievement, and has come about through really hard work by a number of staff.

However the Trust is not going to be complacent and the aim now is to bring the waiting time down from 18 weeks to a challenging 9 weeks. We hope that we will reach this target by the end of March 2009.

Kim Ashall, Director of Service Improvement said that this result demonstrated the excellent team working that is in place across the Trust. “The organisation saw the challenge and rose to it, and in fact exceeded it”. She continued, “This result has been brought about by Consultants and other medical staff, Nurses, AHP’s, General and Business Managers, the Information and Performance teams and significant numbers of administrative staff. Everyone involved should be proud of what we have done”.
Since the official launch of the Gamma Scanner Appeal in November 2007, Rotherham Hospital has raised over £35,000 towards an additional Gamma Scanner. The appeal committee would like to thank all those who have generously supported the appeal so far and hope that Members will continue to get involved over the months to come.

The Trust has also recently appointed Rebecca Allinson as Head of Fundraising. Rebecca joins the Trust from McVities and will be supporting the Gamma Scanner Appeal in addition to working on other fundraising initiatives.

Rebecca said, “One of my main priorities is to involve more local people with the Gamma Scanner Appeal, so I am keen to start promoting the appeal more widely. I also aim to establish good relationships with corporate donors and provide a wider choice of fundraising opportunities for the Trust’s supporters”.

A number of fundraising events are being arranged so there are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved. There are also other ways to raise money. If you plan to organise or participate in any events of your own and would like to get sponsored, sponsorship forms are available from the Foundation Trust Office.

**DIARY OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

- **23 October 08**
  Floral Evening, hosted by Sasha of Forget-Me-Not. Joint event with Rotherham Hospice.

- **6 December 08**
  Cheese and Wine party

- **12 December 08**
  Christmas Party at Rotherham Rugby Club

- **December 08**
  Christmas Raffle
  Held in the hospital, with a plasma TV as 1st prize!

- **2 April 09**
  “Dining with Style” ladies lunch
  Hosted by Sasha of Forget-Me-Not, with the Countess of Scarbrough as guest speaker.

If you would like to find out more about how you can participate in, help organise or gain sponsorship for any of these events or anything else you would like to do for the appeal, please contact the Foundation Trust Office.

If you would just like to get involved but don’t know how you can help, please call Rebecca Allinson for a chat on 01709 307128

**GAMMA SCANNER APPEAL RESPONSE FORM**

To donate money to the Gamma Scanner Appeal, please complete and return this form along with a cheque or postal order to:

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Strata launch impressive new development in Moorgate

Strata, the designer house builder has recently launched its latest development of designer homes in Moorgate, Rotherham.

Pure is an exclusive collection of four and five bedroomed detached homes in prestigious Moorgate, within easy access to Rotherham town centre, junction 33 of the M1 and Sheffield Parkway.

The Tuscany show home is a fantastic four bedroom property where classically designed features meet with outstanding architectural statements and exquisite interior design. Sally Wen, the interior designer has produced an impressive scheme that beautifully compliments the blend of contemporary luxury and the traditional spacious rooms of a large detached property.

Sally has chosen a striking colour palette throughout the house, and by mixing the bright shades with mellow warm tones has given the property the perfect balance it requires.

Wendy Unley, Strata Sales Director said, “The show home at Pure is a perfect example of the high specification designer homes customers can expect on this prestigious development.”

All the homes on the Pure development are designed and finished to the highest quality. In the contemporary kitchens there are Neff stainless steel double electric oven, gas hob with wok burner and extra wide canopy. Also included with each plot as standard are an integrated dishwasher, washer dryer, fridge-freezer and microwave. Home buyers on the Pure development will be able to personalise their home with a choice of the most modern kitchens, granite worktops and wall tiles.

The luxury continues throughout the homes with a spa bath in the main bathroom and a choice of wardrobes available in the master bedroom.

Each property benefits from a remote controlled garage and landscaped gardens.

Maggie Duggan, Sales Manager at Strata said “These prestigious properties represent extremely good value for money and will offer the opportunity for purchasers to buy brand new, high specification, detached homes within an established and desirable location.”

In addition to the Tuscany show home, are the Riviera and Algarve, superb detached homes with five bedrooms, three bathrooms and a double garage. The four bedroomed Arnott and Castle homes are designed over three floors making them exceedingly spacious.

Prices start at £499,950 and the first home will be available from September 2006. For further information on Pure please log on to homesbystrata.com or call 07880 732762. The welcome centre and show home will be open Thursday - Monday 10am - 5pm.

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- cleanliness and hygiene
- quality of care
- high quality staff

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has contacted the Foundation Trust office in the last 6 months and all those who responded to the last two surveys. In March, we surveyed you on several aspects of the question “What makes a good hospital?”. We received over 700 survey responses, which has given us a detailed picture of what Members believe the Trust ought to focus on.

One of the survey questions related to which external influences affect the factors people focus on when choosing a hospital. The majority of respondents stated that their personal perceptions were the biggest influence, which demonstrates how important it is for Members to give their views in these surveys. By learning about our Members’ perceptions of what is most important, we can focus on those areas in order to provide the best possible patient experience and ensure that patients choose Rotherham General Hospital.

The top three factors identified as being most important when choosing a hospital were cleanliness and hygiene; quality of care; and high quality staff. These issues will therefore be prioritised by the Trust when planning service improvements. Progress in these areas is already being made, however, with patient safety and experience work currently being carried out with the aim of improving the quality of patient care throughout the hospital.

Cleanliness and infection control is also an ongoing priority at Rotherham General Hospital. The Trust’s rate of MRSA for 2007/08 was the lowest for any acute general hospital in Yorkshire and the Humber and 60% lower than the national average. We are also continuing to see reductions in C. difficile, with 48% less cases in 2007/08 than the previous year. The Trust has plans to achieve further reductions in hospital acquired infection over the coming year and has committed £600,000 to deep cleaning and infection control to achieve this.

Over 90% of respondents felt the Rotherham General Hospital had some or all of the factors that they had identified as most important when choosing a hospital. This is very positive news and reflects the Trust’s ongoing commitment to improving the patient experience. However, the Trust intends to continue working hard to improve quality of care and performance in those areas which were identified as most important.

We also asked which factors were most important to you when assessing whether a hospital is performing well. The top three factors identified were cleanliness; clinical quality; and low waiting times. Waiting times is one area where the Trust has enjoyed a significant level of recent success, with Rotherham General hospital achieving the highest score in the country for the perceived wait of admission in this year’s National Inpatient Survey and surpassing the national 18-week target in March 2008. The average wait for a routine outpatient appointment in March was just 10 days, and the average wait for inpatients was 18 days. The full results of the survey will be presented at the next Council of Governors meeting in order to keep your Governors informed about the issues that matter to their constituents.

Twelve months ago, following consultation with you, our members, we changed the hospital visiting times. Since then, it has become apparent that the 2.00pm start time has caused problems for patients, visitors and staff. A review is currently underway and times are likely to be changed to improve traffic congestion for everyone. We’ll keep you informed of future developments.

If you have any suggestions about ways in which we could improve our services, please send them to the Public Governors care of the Foundation Trust Office, Level D, Rotherham General Hospital, Moorgate Road, Rotherham, S60 2UD.
The Trust has been selected to participate in wave three of the NHS Carbon Management Programme and lead the way on environmental issues.

The programme is being run by the Carbon Trust and is designed to showcase a number of NHS organisations and the steps that they have taken to reduce their carbon footprint.

As one of the 23 chosen organisations, the Trust will be assisted in making further improvements with support from the Carbon Trust. This will help us to save energy and reduce emissions.

The programme commenced on the 1st May 2008 and will run for ten months. After the programme has finished we will then be able to demonstrate to other NHS Hospitals the improvements that can be made. The Carbon Management Programme will allow the Trust to:

- Save money – by managing and reducing energy bills
- Help the local environment – by lowering carbon emissions
- Meet regulation – by preparing for incoming regulation and legislation
- Raise our profile – we aim to be among the top performing Trusts
- Lead by example – by influencing local businesses and the community

Energy and Environmental Manager, Martin Aizlewood said, “The programme will ask three questions: Where are we now? Where do we want to be? and How are we going to get there? By committing to this programme the hospital is demonstrating that it has a ‘can do’ attitude towards taking responsibility for our impact on the environment”.

“It is exciting to have been selected to take part in this programme of work. I hope that over the next ten months staff will really embrace the changes that we can make to help reduce our carbon footprint and reduce the impact that we cause to the environment through our business activities”, added Martin.
Meet the Trust’s Governors

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Dr Firas Al-Modaris
Julie D’Silva
Jill Ward
Lee Marshall
Vacancy

Public Governors

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Alan Thompson
Sylvia Bird
Patricia Draycott
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Dennis Wray
Anthony Hayne
Joan Green
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Sandra Waterfield
Kim Bristow
Ian Frith

Ward Areas Public Governors

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Meet the Trust’s Governors
2008 Election Results!

As you may have been aware, the Trust’s Governor Elections took place in May. We would like to say thank you to everyone who took the time to vote as well as those who stood for Governor.

Six Public Governors were elected:
- Peter Brader for Wentworth South constituency;
- Jean Dearden for Wentworth South constituency;
- Jan Frith for Rest of England constituency;
- Antony Hayne for Wentworth Valley constituency;
- Margaret Marshall for Rother Valley South constituency; and
- Dennis Wray for Rother Valley West constituency.

- **A Rotherham South**
  - Anna Chester
  - Alan Thompson
- **B Rotherham North**
  - Sylvia Bird
  - Pat Draycott
- **C Wentworth South**
  - Jean Dearden
  - Peter Brader
- **D Wentworth North**
  - Lew Vizard
  - Vacancy
- **E Rother Valley West**
  - Anthony Wilkinson
  - Dennis Wray
- **F Wentworth Valley**
  - Joan Green
  - Antony Hayne
- **G Rother Valley South**
  - Margaret Marshall
  - Sandra Waterfield
- **H Rest of England**
  - Jim Bristow
  - Jan Frith

Tell us about your experiences!

Did you know that patients can now give their opinions of our services online? Patient Opinion and NHS Choices are two websites which give people the opportunity to have their say about the hospitals they have visited and give feedback, whether positive or negative, on their experiences.

If you have been a patient and would like to tell us about your patient experiences, you can visit either www.patientopinion.org.uk or www.nhs.uk and leave your comments. In addition to leaving online feedback, we’d like to encourage all our patients to speak up and give our staff their comments while they are in hospital. This enables us to deal with any potential problems promptly.
Cheers for Volunteers

Could you be a volunteer?

The Rotherham NHS Foundation trust has an army of dedicated volunteers who help out across the organization. These volunteers work to provide benefits to patients, staff and the wider community, and are an invaluable part of the hospital team.

Volunteers enhance the quality of care for patients across the hospital. From Accident and Emergency to Pharmacy to Front of House, they give up their time to help make the patient experience more comfortable. They work alongside, and at the direction of staff and their duties are complimentary to those of the trained and skilled workforce.

Jenny Ashcroft, the Voluntary Services Manager has organised a wide variety of volunteer roles, including:

- Ward volunteers: assist with practical tasks such as helping patients fill in menu forms, helping make beds, chatting to patients, and running errands for ward staff.
- Welcoming volunteers: these volunteers work at the main entrance of the hospital and help patients and visitors to the Trust find their way around, either by directing or escorting them to their destination.
- Clinic volunteers: assist nursing staff in the running of the Out Patient clinics.
- Accident & Emergency volunteers: assist with practical tasks, befriend patients who arrive alone and need support, make drinks for patients and relatives, escort patients to other departments i.e. x-ray, plaster room.
- Volunteer Buggy Service: volunteer drivers transport patients within the hospital to their relevant destinations.
- Pharmacy volunteers: assist the pharmacy staff in the delivery of medication to the wards for patients who are awaiting discharge.

Could you be a volunteer?

Working as a hospital volunteer can help you learn new skills, find out more about health care, meet new people and contribute to the community. All our volunteers are supported by the Voluntary Services Department to enable them to get the most from their time as a volunteer and to ensure that their time and skills are used to enhance and complement the care given by paid staff to patients and visitors of the Trust.

Tom Safrany, one of the Trust’s many volunteers, told Your Choice a little bit about his time at the Trust and what it means to him.

“I am currently in my second year at Thomas Rotherham College. I am hoping to do nursing at Sheffield Hallam University starting next September, so I became a volunteer to gain some experience. I have really enjoyed interacting with the patients and the staff, and generally helping out around the Department. The staff are fantastic, and have been very friendly and helpful to me. Voluntary work supports my university application as it shows I can commit to a regular role within the health service.”

If you are interested in volunteering at The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust, please contact Jenny Ashcroft on 01709 304329 or jenny.ashcroft@rothgen.nhs.uk

SIXTY & PROUD

The NHS was 60 years old on Saturday 5th July 2008 and celebrations were held across the country to mark the anniversary. The NHS is full of ordinary people who every single day of their working lives do extraordinary things, and remains unique around the world for its free at the point of delivery ethos.

2008 marks a double celebration for the Trust, not only is it the 60th Anniversary of the NHS but it is the 30th Anniversary of the Hospital at its current Moorgate Road Site.

To celebrate our successful 30th year the Trust aims to hold a number of events for staff and public in the run up to our official birthday in December.
The NHS Next Stage Review (also known as the Darzi Review) was published on 30th June 2008. The review consists of a set of documents, with the main report document supported by the launch of a consultation regarding the proposals for the NHS Constitution; a workforce planning strategy; a strategy for primary and community care; and an informatics review.

High Quality Care For All sets a new foundation for a health service that empowers staff and gives patients choice. It ensures that health care will be personalised and fair; include the most effective treatments within a safe system; and help patients to stay healthy. The review is wide-ranging and will have a significant effect on the way healthcare is delivered, both locally and nationally. But what does it mean for patients, and what does it mean for Rotherham General Hospital?

The Draft Constitution at a glance
A new NHS Constitution to enshrine the rights and responsibilities of the NHS, staff, patients and the public, including values relating to respect, privacy, dignity and compassion
- NHS to deliver high quality personal care to all patients without exception
- New focus on promoting good health, including services for people at work
- Clinical staff to be free to offer the safest and most clinically effective services, supported and informed by an expanded NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence)
- Providers to be rewarded for good clinical outcomes and penalised for poor outcomes
- All healthcare providers to publish annual quality accounts, in a similar manner to financial accounts
- Choice to be extended to GP surgeries, including online registration through the NHS Choices website (www.nhs.uk)
- Personalised care plans for patients suffering from long term conditions
- New focus on clinical leadership with a range of support and development mechanisms
- There will be no new national targets, but existing and planned new national targets remain and are now badged as minimum standards
- Reformed clinical excellence scheme for doctors which will reward improvements in quality
- Measures to accelerate technology and innovation adoption
- Localisation where possible, centralisation where necessary
- Continued focus on patient safety including hospital acquired infection and designation of “never events” (things that should never happen to patients).

Overall, the main recommendations of the review are consistent with the Trust’s current direction. However, the Trust will be taking the review into account when considering future developments and planning for the years ahead.

The review covers a wide variety of areas, which it is unfortunately not possible to cover in depth in this article. If you would like to see the report in full, it can be downloaded from the Department of Health website at www.dh.gov.uk.
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Why should I join?
From a health point of view, we know that being in work is good for your physical and mental health, boosting self-esteem and quality of life for you and your family. CMP is an innovative project demonstrating a successful partnership between the NHS and Jobcentre Plus. Through CMP we are helping local people understand and manage their health in relation to their own individual capabilities and abilities to work. CMP has already had many successes, with more than 3000 people across South Yorkshire having volunteered since the programme started and more than 600 in Rotherham. Many of those people are now either back in work or well on the way to improving their lives by better understanding their health condition.

I’m interested...
What do I need to do now?
All CMP volunteers attend an initial assessment at the Jobcentre, and then you’ll join a seven week core programme at a community venue very close to where you live. All travel expenses are paid for, all childcare provision / carer responsibilities will be paid for and each participant receives a three-month leisure pass to their local leisure facilities to encourage participation in a range of healthy activities as part of the programme.

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Helping People to Overcome Barriers to Work

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Every year the BMA (British Medical Association) holds a Medical Book Competition that includes categories for patient information leaflets and documents. This year Rotherham Hospital have walked away with three of the nine possible prizes.

The Trust’s Patient Information documents beat off fierce competition from charitable organisations like Macmillan Cancer Support and the British Heart Foundation as well as other Trusts including, Bristol FT and Great Ormond Street Hospital and private companies including BUPA.

The prestigious awards honour authors of medical literature covering a range of medical disciplines, with winners being selected by a panel made up of academics and medics from relevant fields. As well as judging medical books, nine different categories exist for Patient Information Leaflets.

The ceremony at the BMA headquarters in London was an elegant backdrop for the awards, which were presented by outspoken evolutionist and Simonyi Chair for the Understanding of Science at the University of Oxford, Richard Dawkins.

Ruth Roddisson Lead Specialist Nurse in the Acute Pain Team, and Consultant Anaesthetist Amanda Blackburn took to the stage with Patient Information Officer Michelle Gibson to collect the award for the best ‘Young People’ information award for a booklet called ‘Pain Pain – Go Away’. This booklet was co-produced with school pupils from Aston Hall J&I School and uses a child’s explanation to help other children to understand how to control their own pain.

Matrons Jackie Fairfax and Shireen Say and Patient Information Officer Michelle Gibson took to the stage twice. Their first award, for the Patient Information Diary, was in the ‘NHS Trust’ category but barely had the team got back to their seats when the Diary was named as the ‘BMA Patient Information Resource of the Year 2008’.

Speaking at the ceremony Patient Information Officer, Michelle Gibson said, “We are all extremely proud to have been honoured with these awards by the BMA and it is fantastic to get this recognition of the quality and benefit that these documents provide to patients”.

“We could hardly believe it when the Pain leaflet won a top award, but I was just speechless when the Personal Information Diary won a category award as well as the overall for best resource of the year”. “What was really nice was that after the awards we were approached by two of the judges who had spent the time looking over the 35 highly commended patient information documents in order to chose the nine winners. They praised both of the leaflets and commented that the entries from The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust were head and shoulders above the other entries, which is extremely satisfying when you consider some of the other organisations we were up against”, added Michelle.

Pathology gains full accreditation

The Trust’s Pathology laboratory has gained full accreditation for the first time in over ten years.

Two years ago it became a mandatory requirement for all NHS organisations to be accredited by an official body to ensure that pathology services are maintaining the highest standards in their work.

Laboratory Manager, Keith McMillan said, “I am delighted that in our latest inspection all five of the pathology disciplines have been fully accredited, the first time that this has been achieved in ten years”. “Full accreditation is important because it means we can provide a number of additional services like cancer pathology, work for other trusts and drug trials. The extension has also meant that we have been able to increase our workload by 13% and reduce the turnaround time, increasing throughput and efficiency. We are now accredited as running an excellent service and can provide some very specialised services you would usually only expect to find in a teaching hospital”, added Keith.

From left to right: Amanda Blackburn, Shirleen Say, Ruth Roddisson, Jackie Fairfax and Michelle Gibson