An agreement has been reached between the Trust’s Board of Directors, NHS Rotherham and Rotherham Community Health Services about plans to deliver care for the people of Rotherham.

The Trust will manage care for children and young people, planned care, patients with long term conditions and staying healthy services. All these agreements are subject to final negotiations and ratification by the NHS Rotherham Board and the Trust’s Board of Directors.

Chief of Community Services Andy Irvine says: “Our aim is to deliver quality care to patients whenever and wherever they need it most. By working closely with health professionals to deliver services in the community, we will be able to give people better care more quickly and more efficiently.

“The Department of Health and the NHS Yorkshire and the Humber have approved these plans, as has the Cooperation and Competition Panel. This means that subject to ‘due diligence’ and approval by our regulators ‘Monitor’ a large part of Rotherham Community Health Services will move across to the Trust by 1st April 2011.”

In addition the Trust has also been chosen as the preferred provider of community health services in Bassetlaw and dental care in Doncaster, subject to the rigorous ‘due diligence’ process and formal sign off by the Trust Board.

Andy continues: “We’re really excited about the possibilities new opportunities in Bassetlaw and Doncaster could bring. It will be a while before we know if we have been successful, but if we are then this project will help us to expand and further improve the care we offer for all the communities we serve.”

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Chief of Community Services

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Rotherham Hospital is looking for its shining stars

Rotherham Hospital is looking to find those members of staff who have gone that extra mile in their job, or in helping and supporting their colleagues and patients. They want the public to tell them if they know any staff who’ve gone above and beyond their normal job role for patients.

As well as the five existing categories to which staff and patients can nominate, this year the Trust has also added an additional category, ‘Our Top Leader’.

Director of Service Improvement Kim Ashall says: “It’s a great opportunity for us to thank members of staff who have exceeded what we expect of them in their job and to recognize their exceptional dedication and commitment. We always have lots of worthy winners for all the different categories so it will be a challenge to decide who should win.”

To nominate, please fill in an ideas form and post it into one of the red boxes dotted around the hospital. For further information please contact a member of the Service Improvement Team on 01709 307528. The winners will be announced at an award ceremony in June.

The categories for the awards are as follows:

- **The Patients Shining Star**
  an outstanding member of staff nominated by patients
- **The Patients Top Team**
  an outstanding team nominated by patients
- **Our Shining Star**
  an outstanding member of staff nominated by a colleague
- **Our Top Team**
  an outstanding team nominated by staff
- **The Most Accomplished Learner**
  nominated by staff
- **Our Top Leader**
  nominated by staff

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If you would like to help represent our patients, the people of Rotherham and be directly involved in YOUR hospital why not become a Governor?

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**Kim Ashall**
Director of Service Improvement

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*Winners of last year’s Patients Top Team award – Ward B2*