The Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham is surrounded by attractive countryside, contemporary leisure facilities and extensive retail outlets. Its proximity to an international airport, the M1 and M18 and the high speed capital rail links give it a unique location.

The Rotherham borough has a population of approximately 250,000 and covers approximately 100 square miles. Much of the local historic coal, iron and steel industries are diminished and have been replaced by thriving and vibrant light and service industries. One legacy of its industrial heritage is that the borough is made up of many villages separated by farm and common land. Rotherham has a number of very pleasant suburbs and the hospital itself is located in attractive leafy urban surroundings approximately two miles from the town centre. Housing in the Rotherham area is competitively priced and offers a wide range of choice, including urban and rural locations.

Rotherham town centre offers a wealth of shops. Rotherham’s many independent shops provide a range of products not found in mainstream shopping centres and malls; whether that is fresh, locally grown produce sold in specialist food stores, or unique boutique clothing and gifts.

In addition, the Parkgate Shopping Centre in Rotherham offers a wide selection of the UK’s favourite top brand names close to the centre of town. With a range of the UK’s favourite shops and food outlets, Parkgate Shopping Centre offers all that you would expect and more from a top retail park in Yorkshire. With over 2,000 free car parking spaces and a free bus service from the town centre, Parkgate is easy to access for everyone.

Fitness and leisure facilities in Rotherham include the Rotherham Leisure Complex. This state of the art facility includes a main pool, flumes and leisure water, indoor climbing tower, sports hall, squash courts and fitness suite, regularly offering a range of discounts to Trust employees.
Nightlife
Rotherham town centre has an abundance of pubs and bars creating a vibrant nightlife for all. There is a wide selection to choose from and Rotherham even hosts its own annual real ale festival, featuring samples and tasters of new real ales and live music.

Rotherham also has a selection of nightclubs, with a range of music styles to appeal to different age groups and tastes. Alternatively for those wanting a night out without the hustle and bustle of pubs and clubs, then Rotherham has some options including a snooker club, bingo hall and theatre.

For more information visit:
www.rotherham.gov.uk/towncentre/
www.parkgateshopping.co.uk/
www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/rotherham-leisure-complex/

The surrounding area
Sheffield is only six miles away with a fast dual carriageway road link. With its universities, medical and dental schools, the city is now a major national centre for entertainment, leisure, sport and shopping. There are two theatres and the Sheffield Motorpoint Arena, which stages major entertainment and sporting events, is only three miles outside Rotherham town centre.

There are superb international standard sporting facilities in the area following Sheffield hosting the World Student Games, including the Ponds Forge Swimming and Leisure Complex. As well as the usual city and local modern shopping complexes, the Meadowhall Shopping Centre midway between Rotherham and Sheffield is one of the largest and most up-to-date shopping arenas in Europe, attracting some 30 million visitors each year.

Rotherham is central to a wide and varied range of recreational, leisure and cultural activities. There is ready access to the Peak District National Park, the Pennines, Yorkshire Dales, coastal resorts and many historic cities. Numerous stately homes such as Chatsworth, Haddon and Hardwick Hall, Harewood House, Belvoir Castle and Castle Howard, which hold their own programme of events, all are within easy travelling distance. The nationally acclaimed Magna Science Adventure Centre draws on Rotherham’s industrial past to provide a spectacular and educational theme park. On the sporting scene, Rotherham and surrounding areas offer football, rugby union, cricket, golf, ice hockey, fishing, ten-pin bowling and other sports to watch or take part in.

The three country parks in Rotherham - Rother Valley, Thrybergh and Ulley - offer watersports such as sailing, scuba and windsurfing, as well as many land-based activities.

Rotherham is very accessible:

- **by road**, being at the intersection of the M1 and M18 motorways
- **by rail**, on the main InterCity routes through Doncaster or Sheffield
- **by air**, through Doncaster International Airport and also international airports at Manchester, Leeds / Bradford, and East Midlands.
Accommodation

The Trust has secure accommodation for you. Rooms and family homes are available for NHS workers. The Great Places Housing Group offers fully-furnished, on-site, single and double-occupancy homes with shared facilities. Also included is a cleaning service and the facility for a digital television.

Prices are available for 4 share, 2 share and Flat accommodation. Please contact Great Places on the contact details below for further information.

Rent on flats includes all utility bills and also available is furnished on-site family accommodation which is priced at approximately £590 per calendar month, which includes electricity and water.

For further information visit www.greatplaces.org.uk or please contact:

Verna Wilde
0773 669 3133
verna.wilde@greatplaces.org.uk.

Other Options for Accommodation

If you want to look for alternative accommodation, visit websites such as:
- Spareroom.com
- Gumtree.com

Most of these sites will want you to pay a small fee (it is normally about £10) but there are plenty of rooms/houses to rent on these websites.

Alternatively you could look here:
- www.rightmove.co.uk/property-to-rent/Rotherham.html
- www.zoopla.co.uk/to-rent/property/rotherham/
- www.nestoria.co.uk/rotherham/house/rent
Getting around

Trains
Rotherham has really good links around the UK. Information on trains can be found at:
www.thetrainline.com
www.nationalrail.co.uk
www.nationalexpress.com

Buses
There are two bus stops located on Baker Street within the hospital grounds. An additional bus stop is located at the entrance of the hospital grounds on the main road. Numerous bus routes serve these bus stops at frequent times.

The Rotherham Information Centre offers a comprehensive public transport information and advice service not only for Rotherham but for the South Yorkshire region. The Travel Assistants are professionally trained to offer a full range of travel tickets and timetables and also offer advice on journey planning and concessionary travel as well as issuing concessionary travel passes.

You can book National Express coach travel and you can also book a range of coach holidays from day trips to mini-breaks throughout the UK and Europe.

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Telephone 01709 515 141
Website www.travelsouthyorkshire.com
Opening Times Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 6.00pm
Saturday, 9.00am to 5.00pm

Taxis
A range of taxi services are available to use in Rotherham if you would prefer a quicker, private or more direct form of travel.

Driving
If you require information about driving in England, please visit: www.gov.uk/driving-nongb-licence