



*Cllr Ellen Cargill
Chairman*

ANNUAL REPORT HEALTH POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD APRIL 2010 – MARCH 2011

As Chair of the Health Policy and Performance Board, I would like to thank all the members of the Board for their contribution to the Board's work during this year. I would particularly like to thank Cllr Lowe for her support as Vice Chair to the Board. I would also like to thank all those who contributed to the work topics for their commitment and time.

2010/11 has been a busy year and the Board received a number of reports linked to the Government's White Paper: *Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS*. The implications of the White Paper will mean a significant change to our current ways of working.

During the year, the Board received information on a number of Annual Reviews, including the *Annual report on Customer Care* and *Valuing People Now*, and also had the opportunity to comment on a number of draft strategies including the Telecare Strategy and the Sustainable Community Strategy.

MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

During 2010/11 the Board comprised ten Councillors:-

Councillor Ellen Cargill;
Councillor D Austin;;
Councillor R Gilligan;
Councillor M Horabin;
Councillor M Lloyd-Jones;
Councillor J Lowe;
Councillor M Dennett;
Councillor M Fry;
Councillor E Ratcliffe; and
Councillor M Bradshaw.

LINK representation is through a co-optee Paul Cooke.

The primary function of the Board is to focus on the work of the Council (and its Partners) in seeking to improve health in the Borough and to scrutinise progress against the aims and objectives outlined in the Council's Corporate Plan in relation to the Health priority.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The Board met seven times this year. One meeting was a special meeting to consider Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Review. As in previous years there were full agendas for each of the planned meetings, and the Board received reports and presentations on a wide range of Health and Social Care issues. These included:-

Government Policies on both Adult Social Care and NHS

Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS (White Paper). Proposals to change commissioning within the NHS have been described as the largest change since 1974 including transfer of commissioning to GP's and the abolition of Primary Care Trusts and the Strategic Health Authority. Councils will be responsible for integration, partnership and leading on the new statutory Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Board also received a report on Adult Social Care, *A Vision for Adult Social Care* and a new performance framework based on outcomes. The Board will be keen to look at future proposals from the government on the cost of Adult Social Care in the forthcoming year.

Strategies:

The Board received a number of draft strategies to comment on including:-

- **Telecare Strategy:** The Board noted the need to mainstream Telecare Services to promote independence, particularly for older people and to obtain best value for the Council.
- **Affordable Warmth:** Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board fully supported this strategy recognising that to maintain people requiring support to continue to live in their own homes then basic requirements such as keeping warm needed to be addressed.
- **Sustainable Community Strategy:** As in previous years improving health remains a priority in Halton and is contained within this Strategy. It was notable that some health information for example, cancer statistics for residents under 75, gave rise to concern and much work remains to be done to improve the health of residents. The Board will continue to monitor health progress on a regular basis.
- **Transition Strategy: 14-25:** This was also presented to Children's Young People's Policy and Performance Board as it is important both Children and Adult services work closely together to support young people who require additional services to fulfil their potential. The Transition Strategy has now been extended to young people up to 25 years, recognising that some young people need services for a number of years during this period in their lives. The Board continues to support this work and will monitor progress in the forthcoming years.

Annual Reviews:

- The Health Policy and Performance Board continued to receive reports on a variety of services to ensure that progress had been made.
- The Annual Report on Customer Care was received and it was noted that the numbers of complaints have decreased while the number of compliments had increased. It was recognised that this is an important report as in addition to performance monitoring of national indicators, it offers both qualitative and quantitative information.
- Valuing People Now: Members received the Annual Self Assessment of Halton's Learning Disability Partnership and its work. In addition, members received a presentation from Halton Speak Out noting the importance of Valuing People Now for People with Learning Disabilities. This presentation was well received.
- Health Issues: Throughout the year Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board have received reports on health both at a national and local level to inform the Board's work. Presentations have been received on service redesign of Dental Services, which in the past has been a Work Topic.
- Members' also received a report on the Emergency Duty Team statutory service that is run in partnership with St Helens Council. The partnership has been very successful and throughout the inspections that have taken place this year, the Emergency Duty Team has been noted to offer an excellent service.
- Options for the use of Cheshire and Merseyside Treatment Centre: Members' are keen to ensure that Halton residents benefit from this building which is of a very high standard.
- Widnes GP Health Centre, Health Care Resource Centre: A redesign of services to ensure that those most vulnerable can access GP services.

WORKTOPICS

The Health Policy and Performance Board received a report on the review of Employment for People with Mental Health, Physical Disabilities or Learning Disabilities. The recommendations were agreed and an action plan has been drawn up. This report was taken to Executive Board. This topic had been chosen as people with mental health issues, physical disabilities or learning disabilities have often found it difficult to access meaningful employment and the Board wished to look at what barriers there were in detail.

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults: The Health Policy and Performance Board have continued to receive regular reports on this important area of work. Good progress has been made throughout the year on improving and strengthening safeguarding arrangements on a partnership basis, as evidenced in the Annual Report that was presented members. This year also saw an Inspection of Safeguarding Adults by the Care Quality Commission and the Council was judged to be performing excellently in safeguarding adults and supporting increased choice and control for older people, and performing well in supporting improved health and wellbeing of older people. A number of processes have been improved to continue this work including the revision of policies and procedures.

Forthcoming Work Topics 2011/12

The Health Policy and Performance Board have prioritised one Work Topic this year in recognition to scrutinise, in depth, an important subject.

	<p>PERFORMANCE ISSUES</p> <p>The Health Policy and Performance Board continue to receive quarterly monitoring reports on Social Care performance and also receive the report on the Care Quality Commission rating on Halton.</p> <p>Halton Adult Social Care was judged to be excellent both through Inspection and through its annual performance this year. Performance has continued to remain strong in many areas including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Intermediate Care Services between Halton and St Helens NHS and Halton Borough Council • Numbers of Older People and Adults continue to be supported at home • Good shared service with St Helens for Emergency Duty Team offering emergency services to residents both in Halton and St Helens • Numbers of carers receiving services to support in their caring responsibilities
	<p>WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11</p> <p>The Health Policy & Performance Board has agreed one Work Topic for this year, which is a new requirement placed on the Local Authority and which recognises the quality of services received by those people needing support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dignity in Care</u> This Work Topic carried out this year has just concluded and the Board looks forward to receiving a report in June 2011. • <u>Services for People with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder</u> The Council is required to establish a strategy to ensure that services are available to meet the needs of those people who have a wide spectrum of need with this disorder. Terms of Reference will be agreed at the June 2011 Policy and Performance Board. <p>Councillor Ellen Cargill Chairman, Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board</p>