

REPORT TO: Health Policy & Performance Board (HPPB)
DATE: 6.3.12
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director - Communities
PORTFOLIO: Health and Adults
SUBJECT: Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Trust
WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To receive a presentation from Kate Fallon, Chief Executive and Harry Holden, Chairman of Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Trust regarding their application to become a Foundation Trust. The consultation document is appended to the report.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That HPPB:

- i) Note content of the presentation**
- ii) Comment on the proposals for Bridgewater to become a Foundation Trust.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Bridgewater provides healthcare services in Ashton, Leigh and Wigan, Halton and St Helens, Trafford, Warrington and Community Dental Services in all of the above areas plus Bolton, Stockport, Tameside and Glossop and West Cheshire.

3.2 Bridgewater is currently seeking views from patients and the public on its plans for becoming a Foundation Trust. The Foundation Trust will have unique governance arrangements which include **members** (public, patients and staff) and **governors** (elected by members or nominated by partner organisations).

3.3 Patients, local people and partner organisations have been invited to express their views on the proposed governance arrangements for becoming a Foundation Trust during a 12 week consultation period, ending on April 30

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None identified at this stage.

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None identified at this stage.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**
Not applicable
- 6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**
Not applicable
- 6.3 **A Healthy Halton**
All issues outlined in the presentation will focus directly on this priority.
- 6.4 **A Safer Halton**
Not applicable.
- 6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**
Not applicable.
- 7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**
- 7.1 None identified at this stage
- 8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**
- 8.1 Any services provided which seek to address the health needs of the residents of Halton needs to be fully accessible.
- 9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**
- None under the meaning of the Act.