

**REPORT TO:** Health Policy & Performance Board  
**DATE:** 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Communities  
**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Adults  
**SUBJECT:** Positive Behaviour Support Service Policy,  
Procedure and Practice  
**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to present the Health Policy and Performance Board with the Positive Behaviour Policy, Procedure and Practice document for information.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board Note the contents of the report and associated document**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Positive Behaviour Support Service (PBSS) is aimed at those service users who have a learning disability and who also present with behaviour that challenges services. The service is available to service users of all ages and there is a specialist children and adult's arm of the service.

3.2 The PBSS exists to :-

- Support mainstream services working with people with learning disabilities, whose behaviour is a significant challenge
- Work directly with people whose behaviour presents the greatest level
- Become a model of excellence at the forefront of evidence-based practice in this service area

3.3 Halton Borough Council is the service provider of the PBSS. A number of stakeholders have provided funding in order to access the service. The stakeholders are as follows:-

- Communities Directorate, Halton Borough Council
- Children and Enterprise Directorate, Halton Borough Council

- NHS Halton and St Helens
- NHS Knowsley
- Knowsley Metropolitan Council
- St Helens Council (adult services only)

3.4 The policy, procedure and practice document has been developed in order to provide information and guidance to stakeholders on how to access the service; who is eligible to receive support from the PBSS and how referrals and assessments will be dealt with by the team.

3.5 The representatives on the PBSS Steering Group from the other stakeholder areas, presented the policy for approval at their relevant boards.

#### 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The PBSS Policy, Procedure and Practice document, should be used in conjunction with the Assessment and Care Management Manual June 2010.

4.2 The PBSS will not hold care management responsibility for service users. This responsibility will still remain with the team/care manager who makes the referral into the PBSS. Therefore, the information and guidance provided in the Assessment and Care Management Manual is still relevant to the operational teams and to the service user.

#### 5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The PBSS is funded by the Communities Directorate and Children & Enterprise Directorate, Halton Borough Council, NHS Halton and St Helens, NHS Knowsley, Knowsley Metropolitan Council and St Helens Council.

5.2 Representatives from each of the stakeholders are members of the PBSS Steering Group. At the Steering Group, members will receive regular information regarding funding sources and a breakdown of the support the PBSS are providing to each of their client groups.

#### 6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### 6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

The PBSS supports children and adults who present with behaviour that challenges services. This service will provide localised support which will eliminate the need to seek out of borough placements and reduce service package costs.

##### 6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None identified

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The PBSS supports children and adults who present with behaviour that challenges services. This service will provide localised support which will eliminate the need to seek out of borough placements and reduce service package costs.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 The Positive Behaviour Support Service Policy, Procedure and Practice document should be used in conjunction with the Halton Borough Council Assessment and Care Management Manual June 2010 and any professional Code of Practice workers are registered to adhere to. The document provides information regarding how the service can be accessed and what can be expected. Workers within the Positive Behaviour Support Service will receive regular clinical supervision, to ensure professional practice standards are adhered to at all times.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 An associated Equality Impact Assessment has been completed.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.