

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

DATE: 13th November 2013

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Progress with the Health and Social Care Settlement 2015/16

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update the Board with progress on the Health and Social Care Settlement 2015/16.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

- 1. note the content of the report; and**
- 2. agree the proposals set out in 3.5**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Members of the Board will recall that at their meeting on 17th July 2013, the Strategic Director, Communities tabled a report which outlined the Department of Health approach to integrating health and adult social care services. At the meeting it was agreed that the Strategic Director would establish a task and finish group to paper a draft “plan” for the Board’s consideration. Since, then Halton Borough Council and the NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group have been awaiting communication from NHS England and the Local Government Association in terms of further guidance on the “Plan” required for the Integrated Transformation Fund (ITF).

3.2 On 10th October a letter was published from NHS England (Sir David Nicholson) on “Planning for a sustainable NHS: responding to the ‘call to action’” (Appendix 1). This was followed by a letter on 17th October from NHS England and the Local Government Association (Bill McCarthy and Carolyn Downs) on “the next steps on implementing the Integrated Transformation Fund” (Appendix 2), along with a spread sheet template for the “Plan” (Appendix 3). The “Plan” has to be completed and signed off by the NHS HCCG, the Borough Council and the Health and Wellbeing Board by 15th February 2014.

3.3 Meetings have taken place to discuss the requirements of the guidance that has now been issued and the process of the development of the plan has begun.

3.4 The spread sheet template for the “Plan” is split into the following sections:

- Plan Details
- Vision and Schemes
- National Conditions
- Outcomes and Metrics
- Finance
- Risks

3.5 A small working group has begun populating each of the sections detailed above. Under “Plan Details” engagement with service providers and patients, service users and the public must be undertaken. The proposal is to link into the People’s Forum for the patients, service users and public engagement and to use this Forum as the basis for the development of the plan and for consultation.

3.6 It is proposed that NHS providers on the Board, as well as Health & Wellbeing Board Members, be consulted on the plan by arranging a facilitated event in January 2014.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nationally, the Public Health White Paper and the Health and Social Care Act both emphasise more preventative services that are focussed on delivering the best outcomes for local people. Locally, the Integrated Commissioning Framework sets out formally the joint arrangements for Commissioning. The joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy includes shared priorities based on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and local consultation.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Undertaking the recommendations within this report will ensure that the new pooled budget funding is accessible so that outcomes for people living within Halton can be improved further.

5.2 The Department of Health have announced significant funding to be made available to implement the plan. However, at this stage it is not clear about the levels of finance and this will be determined at a later date.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL’S PRIORITIES**

- 6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**
Effective arrangements for children’s transition services will need to be in place.
- 6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**
Any long-term integration arrangements will need to focus upon staffing issues.
- 6.3 **A Healthy Halton**
Developing integration further between Halton Borough Council and the NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group will have a direct impact on improving the health of people living in Halton. The plan that is developed will be linked to the priorities identified in the Integrated Commissioning Framework.
- 6.4 **A Safer Halton**
None identified.
- 6.5 **Halton’s Urban Renewal**
None identified.
- 7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**
- 7.1 Halton Borough Council and the NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group may be at risk of losing funding if certain criteria/conditions described in this report are not met. To avoid this, it is vital that we work together to produce the “Plan” in line with the guidance that has been issued.
- 8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**
- 8.1 This is in line with all equality and diversity issues in Halton.