

REPORT TO: Health Policy & Performance Board
DATE: 17 June 2014
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities
PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Care Home Project : Interim Report
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To provide an update to the Board on the work of the Care Homes Project.

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

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Halton Care Homes project has been in operation since July 2013.

3.2 The project aimed to improve the quality of care within homes in the borough through: review of current care practices; analysis of the range and ease of access residents have to health and social care services; identify sustainable ways to improve treatment, care and support.

3.3 The project has identified that the care provided by homes they have worked with has been of a high standard.

3.4 The project has worked closely with the full range of Halton's community health and social care services. A clinical reference group has been supporting the aims of the project and some immediate solutions to issues have been implemented

3.5 The project have group some of the key issues into 7 areas: communication; end of life care; physical care; pharmacy; equipment; primary care utilisation; activities

3.6 Further work is ongoing to identify an appropriate level of clinical support to continue the work of the project

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Finances for any future provision will need to be identified.

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**

The project has improved the health and well-being of residents in care homes. These gains should be maintained and spread through the implementation of the recommendations and the directing of resources to maintain the project in a similar format.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

Not Applicable

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

Not Applicable

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Not Applicable

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None

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

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.