

REPORT TO: Health Policy and Performance Board
DATE: 18 June 2019
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People
PORTFOLIO: Children, Education & Social Care
SUBJECT: Scrutiny Topic – 2019/20
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Board with a draft Topic Brief for the Scrutiny Review of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

- 1) approve the draft Topic Brief as being reflective of the lines of enquiry the Board wish to pursue; and**
- 2) Consider their availability for involvement in the Scrutiny Group.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 A meeting was held on 5th December 2018 with Members of the Health Policy and Performance Board to discuss and agree priorities for Adult Social Care for 2019/20. Following the meeting, these priorities were agreed as:

- Reablement Pathway, including review of recruitment issues in community services;
- Safeguarding Unit;
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS); and
- Finance.

3.2 At the Health PPB in February 2019 these priorities were discussed and Member chose Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) as the area for the scrutiny review during 2019-20.

3.3 The draft Topic Brief has been written, attached as an Appendix, for Board approval. The scrutiny will start in June 2019 with a final report and recommendations being presented at the Health PPB in February 2020.

3.4 Members are requested to consider their involvement in the Scrutiny Review and their commitment to the Topic Group meetings which are to be scheduled.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 As a result the impending legislative changes a full policy review will need to be undertaken following issues of the Liberty Protection Safeguards Code of Practice.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None identified

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

None identified.

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

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The Topic Group will have an impact on the following objectives:

- Promote independence of older people and vulnerable groups.
- Improve Safety, Equality and Efficiency: Planned and Urgent Care.
- To safeguard adults who are more vulnerable to physical, financial, sexual and emotional abuse.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 The role of the scrutiny within Adult Social Care is a key function to ensure transparency, accountability and consistency within all areas and make sure that the residents of Halton have the best outcomes possible.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 8.1 None identified.

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

None identified.