

**REPORT TO:** Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board  
**DATE:** 10 June 2008  
**REPORTING OFFICER** Strategic Director, Health and Community  
**SUBJECT:** Services for younger adults with dementia  
**WARDS:** Boroughwide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The Topic review was chosen to enable a review the commissioning and service provision in Halton for younger adults (age under 65) who develop dementia, so as to establish an agreed approach and model across all key stakeholders.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the terms of reference for the topic be agreed**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **3.1 Why was this topic chosen?**

In recent years there has been a noticeable increase in the number of younger adults in Halton requiring social care supports because they have developed some form of dementia, and particularly in dementias related to alcohol use. In general the prognosis for this group of people has not been good and they have required a considerable level of care and support. There are no specialist services for this group of people in Halton, no work has been done locally to map the extent of future need and currently there is no consistent commissioning approach to this condition. In addition there are no specific support networks for families and carers of people affected by these conditions.

This topic has a specific focus on the health needs of the local population and will therefore contribute significantly towards meeting the Council's key strategic priorities.

### **3.2 Key outputs and outcomes sought:**

- A full and detailed analysis of the current extent of the development of dementia amongst younger adults in Halton
- An understanding of the extent of future need in Halton, informed by local, national and international research
- To establish whether there are any preventive or early intervention approaches that could reduce the burden and impact of these conditions on local residents

- An analysis of national best practice and the extent to which this can be delivered locally
- An agreed commissioning plan across all key stakeholders for this group of people
- The development of support networks for carers and families of people affected by these conditions

**3.3 Which of Halton's 5 strategic priorities are addressed by this topic, and the key objectives and improvement targets it will help to achieve:**

**A Healthy Halton:**

Key Objective A: to understand fully the causes of ill health in Halton and act together to improve the overall health and well-being of local people

Key Objective D: to reduce the burden of disease in Halton by concentrating on lowering the rates of cancer and heart disease, mental ill health and diabetes and addressing the health needs of older people.

**Nature of expected/desired PPB input:**

Member-led review of the needs of younger adults with dementia.

**Preferred Mode of operation:**

- Analysis of the extent of local need, involving all key stakeholders
- Review of local current provision for younger people with dementia
- Benchmarking with comparator local authorities and known areas of good practice
- Field visits to areas of best practice