

**REPORT TO:** Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 16 September 2008

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Health & Community

**SUBJECT:** Health of Carers

**WARDS:** Borough Wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To present HHPPB with the report on the work topic 'Health of Carers'

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:**

- (1) Note the contents of the report; and**
- (2) Agree the recommendations outlined in paragraph 6.0 of the report**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 In July 2007, the Strategic Director, Health & Community Directorate, agreed with the HHPPB that the 'Health of Carers' should be selected as a work topic.

3.2 A number of methods were utilised to gather information that would feed into the review, these methods included carer interviews, desktop research and a number of visits. The use of visits was the main method for gathering relevant information etc.

3.3 The scrutiny visits to the GP Practices and Carers Centres were conducted by a scrutiny team, consisting of:

- A Member of the HHPPB
- A Carer
- An Executive Board member from the Halton Carers Forum
- A representative from the Local Authority

## **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 A number of policies and associated procedures will have to be devised to support the recommendations outlined in the report

## **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 It is anticipated that there may be some resource implications associated with the recommendations outlined and work is taking place at present to establish what those potentially would be.

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

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

None specifically identified

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

None specifically identified

### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

The recommendations outlined in the report clearly demonstrates the Council's commitment, as a major stakeholder, in recognising the needs of Carers and in promoting their health and wellbeing within the Community.

### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

None specifically identified

### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None specifically identified

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None specifically identified

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None specifically identified.

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

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.