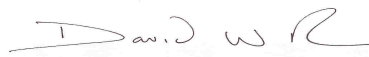




**Special Meeting of Health Policy and
Performance Board**

**Tuesday, 28 June 2011 at 6.30 p.m.
Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn**

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Chief Executive

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Ellen Cargill (Chairman)	Labour
Councillor Joan Lowe (Vice-Chairman)	Labour
Councillor Dave Austin	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Sandra Baker	Labour
Councillor Mark Dennett	Labour
Councillor Margaret Horabin	Labour
Councillor Martha Lloyd Jones	Labour
Councillor Chris Loftus	Labour
Councillor Andrew MacManus	Labour
Councillor Carol Plumpton Walsh	Labour
Councillor Geoff Zygadlo	Labour

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The next meeting of the Board is on Tuesday, 13 September 2011

**ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Part I

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1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (INCLUDING PARTY WHIP DECLARATIONS) Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or personal and prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, no later than when that item is reached and, with personal and prejudicial interests (subject to certain exceptions in the Code of Conduct for Members), to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.	
2. REVIEW OF IMPACT OF NON-ARTERIAL CENTRE DESIGNATION ON WARRINGTON HOSPITAL AND THE PEOPLE IT SERVES	1 - 3

In accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act the Council is required to notify those attending meetings of the fire evacuation procedures. A copy has previously been circulated to Members and instructions are located in all rooms within the Civic block.

REPORT TO: Special Health Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 28th June 2011

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities

SUBJECT: Review of impact of non-arterial centre
Designation on Warrington Hospital and the
People it serves

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To highlight the Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Review of the impact of non-arterial centre designation on Warrington Hospital and the people it serves.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That:**

- i) **The Board to consider if they would like to arrange a meeting with the Vascular Review Team, either shortly, or after the results of the assessment have been published.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Review project board have informed Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust that, subject to consultation, they will not be recommending to commissioners the designation of Warrington Hospital as an arterial centre.

3.2 Senior staff at the hospital have shared with Warrington Health Consortium their concerns about the impact of this decision on Warrington Hospital and the people it serves.

3.3 As lead commissioner for Warrington and Halton Trust, Warrington Health Consortium has concluded that these issues need thorough assessment before a final decision is made about the designation of arterial centres. It is convening a team to assess the impact of the proposed changes, and will not make a decision until that assessment is complete.

3.4 The assessment will involve the risk to local services that non-designation might pose. This will include consideration of the impact on interventional radiology, trauma, stroke and other services for the

people of Warrington and Halton, St Helens and Knowsley.

3.5 The assessment will not be complete before 30th September 2011.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

There are no policy implications as a direct result of this report however the health needs of children and young people are an integral part of the Health priority.

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

None.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The remit of the Health Policy and Performance Board is directly linked to this priority.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

Not applicable.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

Not applicable.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Warrington Health Consortium will undertake a thorough assessment which will inform the risk analysis.

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.

**Review of impact of non-arterial centre designation on
Warrington Hospital and the people it serves**

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The assessment will involve defining the exact nature of the Trust's concerns and assessing the risk to local services that non-designation might pose. This will include consideration of the impact on interventional radiology, trauma, stroke and other services for the people of Warrington and Halton, St Helens and Knowsley.

The assessment will not be complete before 30 September 2011.

Halton Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee may wish to take into consideration this assessment in deciding whether to arrange a meeting with the vascular review team. The committee may consider that the discussion would be of more value to them if it was also informed by the results of this assessment. However, we are always ready to discuss the vascular review with members of local authorities and would be delighted to meet the committee very shortly if that is what they wish.

Tom Dent
Project director
13 June 2011