

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.