

REPORT TO: Health Policy & Performance Board
DATE: 8th November 2011
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities
PORTFOLIO: Health and Adults
SUBJECT: Redesign of Community Nursing Services
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To inform the PPB of the changes to community nursing services provided by Bridgewater Community NHS Trust resulting from the redesign and re-specification of those services.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the PPB note the content of this report.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Mr David Tanner, Head of Community Commissioning, NHS Halton and St Helens will deliver a presentation to explain the proposed changes to the community nursing services and how they will impact and achieve the maximum benefit for patients.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 National policy (Government Changes in Response to the NHS Future Forum) has placed a duty on emerging Clinical Commissioning Groups to work with Local Authorities to promote integrated services for patients, both within the NHS and between health, social care and other local services.

4.2 The redesign of the community nursing service will establish neighbourhood (clusters of GP practices) based integrated nursing teams. This provides the foundation for further integration of health and social care services in to Community Multidisciplinary Teams (CMDTs).

4.3 The Mersey PCT Cluster has also expressed that establishing such integration is one of the main priorities for 'out of hospital care' over the next 12-18 months

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The redesign of Community Nursing Services has been achieved

within the existing resources identified in the health contract.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

The specification for Integrated Nursing Services is an 'all age' specification for general nursing needs

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

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

None identified.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Risks to the successful delivery of the project were identified at an early stage and have been managed throughout the development process. These have been largely operational issues that have been successfully dealt with. In a similar fashion, any implementation risks will be recorded and managed appropriately. None of these are sufficiently significant to warrant inclusion on the PCT's corporate risk register.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There is a duty in the overarching NHS Contract for Community Services, which governs this specification, for the provider to ensure all services are fully compliant with relevant legislation.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.