

**REPORT TO:** Health Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director - Communities

**PORTFOLIO:** Health & Adults; Children, Young People & Families

**SUBJECT:** Health and Wellbeing Service

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Board with details of the work being undertaken to establish a Health and Wellbeing Service via Partnership working arrangements between the Local Authority, Halton Clinical Commissioning Group and Bridgewater Community NHS Trust.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board: Note the contents of the report.

## 3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 *Healthy Lives Healthy People: our strategy for public health in England*, sets out the government's vision for a new, integrated and professional public health system, designed to be more effective and to give clear accountability for the improvement and protection of the public's health. The new system will embody localism, with new responsibilities and resources for local government to improve the health and wellbeing of their population, within a broad policy framework set by the Government. Local authorities will be expected to use their new responsibilities and resources to put health and wellbeing at the heart of everything they do, thereby helping people to lead healthier lives.

3.2 As a response to these government plans the Health & Wellbeing Service is being developed via Partnership working arrangements and associated Agreement, a copy of which is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3.3 The Partnership Agreement provides an opportunity to review the current approach to the delivery of Health Improvement Services delivered by both health and local authority providers and align systems and services to:

- Deliver a community wide approach to health and well-being;
- Develop holistic solutions to improve health and well-being outcomes and address health inequalities (across health, social care and public health) within Halton; and
- Embrace the full range of local services e.g. health, housing, leisure, transport, employment, social care, education and children's services.

- 3.4 The Partnership Agreement was presented to Halton's Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board in June for consideration and the Board agreed to support the proposals and that the constituent Partners should 'sign off' the Agreement.

As such, the proposals and Agreement are due to be/were presented to:-

- Halton Borough Council's Executive Board on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012
  - Halton Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body in 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012
  - Bridgewater Community NHS Trust during September 2012
- 3.5 The Partnership Agreement sets out a phased approach to implementation. Phase 1 will include the development of older people's services and pathways as well as dementia services. It will also see a review of falls prevention services which is clearly one of the highest priorities in Halton due to our current poor performance against National indicators. Finally it will consider the emotional and wellbeing services for Adults that are already delivered and how these will be developed in the future. This particular development will see the alignment of these services with the development of the Community Wellbeing Practice model.
- 3.6 Phase 2 will include the wider determinants of public health and influences on health inequalities. This development will take a 'Life Course' approach and will therefore work across adult social care, health, children and young people's services and the voluntary sector to establish the need and where the specific work stream sits. This work will include areas such as:
- Alcohol and promoting sensible drinking
  - Early detection of cancer
  - Stop smoking and tobacco control
  - Healthy weight
  - Expert patient programme
  - Breastfeeding
- 3.7 The implementation of the proposals/Service will be monitored via the Health & Wellbeing Service (HWBS) Steering Board which membership consists of representatives from Partner Agencies, voluntary sector and Halton LINK. The Executive Board portfolio holder for Health & Adults is also a member of the Board.

#### 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The importance of this transition cannot be understated and this is clearly apparent by the range of National Policies and papers that impact on this work. The Government White Paper: Healthy Lives Healthy People (2010) is the overarching national document that outlines the future of public health in England. However, there are a number of other policies that must also be considered, these include:
- The Government's Alcohol Strategy (2012)
  - A smokefree future: a comprehensive tobacco control strategy for England (2010)

- Building a public health England people transition policy (2012)
- Caring for our Future : Reforming Care and Support (2012)

Each of the area specific strategies helps to reinforce the aims and objectives of the overarching public health strategy and transition plans.

4.2 From a local perspective this work will need to consider the links and implications to a number of local plans and strategies that include:

- Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy for Halton 2010
- Joint Strategic Health and Well-being Strategy for Halton 2012 (in development)
- Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy 2011 - 2026
- Halton Children & Young People's Plan 2011-14
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (Health & Wellbeing)
- Telecare Strategy for Halton 2010 – 2015
- Local Commissioning Strategies

## 5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The implementation of the partnership agreement will include the development of a pooled budget agreement between the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Local Authority. Financial plans will be drawn up and submitted to the HWBS Steering Board during phase 2.

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

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

The partnership agreement will impact on all areas of public health in Halton. This will include Breastfeeding, weight management – early years, physical activity, Halton Healthy Schools, Child Health Development and smoking education.

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

It is planned through the developments and activities that there will be a range of opportunities to help people of all ages learn new skills and participate in volunteering roles.

### 6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

By developing projects that support some of the most vulnerable parts of our community we can help to raise awareness and support people to manage their own health and lifestyle in the most effective way.

### 6.4 **A Safer Halton**

The planned activities are designed to improve community cohesion and to bring together the health needs of the people of Halton. As well as the health benefits it is expected that this should also improve the safety and an improved perception of Halton and its communities.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

No implications identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 A risk analysis will be carried out by the constituent partners as part of the implementation of the overall project.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 The partnership agreement will be delivered equitably across Halton. The Public Health agenda fully embraces the needs of a diverse population and develops services in a way that supports the diverse issues that are being faced.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.