

REPORT TO: Health Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 28 July 2015

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (WHHFT) – Car Parking Arrangements/Penalty Charges

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide an opportunity for Health Policy and Performance Board to scrutinise the current car parking arrangements in place at both the Halton and Warrington Hospital sites and associated parking penalty charges and provide an opportunity to WHHFT to respond to the areas of concern.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

1. Note the contents of the report and associated appendix; and
2. Consider the issues and their associated implications and the possible impact on Halton residents.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 In 2014, WHHFT entered into an agreement with Highview Parking Limited to undertake the control and enforcement of the car parks at Warrington and Halton Hospitals.

3.2 As part of the car parking arrangements, any driver that currently overstays in the car parks are issued with a £75 penalty charge, reduced to £40 if paid within 14 days.

3.3 Since the introduction of these new arrangements, a number of issues/concerns have been raised by patients and their families with Councillor Dave Thompson, whose electoral ward is where Halton Hospital is located. Subsequently Councillor Thompson wrote to the Chief Executive of WHHFT on 20th June 2015 (copy of letter attached at **Appendix 1**) outlining the areas of concern and requesting that the Trust review the parking arrangements urgently.

3.4 The letter of the 20th June has subsequently been followed up by additional correspondence from Councillor Thompson to the Chief Executive of the Trust containing information from patients and visitors in relation to their experiences of the car parking arrangements, along with two Freedom of Information requests

made to the Trust regarding the management and control of the Hospital car parks.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None associated with this report.

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None associated with this report.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

None associated with this report.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

None associated with this report.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

This report relates directly to the health and wellbeing of individuals who access services at Halton and Warrington Hospitals.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None associated with this report.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None associated with this report.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 None identified at this time.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None associated with this report.

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

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.