

**REPORT TO:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**DATE:** 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Operational Director - Education, Inclusion and Provision

**PORTFOLIO:** People and Economy

**SUBJECT:** Presentation – Meeting the Needs of Children and Young People with special educational needs and/or disabilities

**WARDS:** Borough-wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive a presentation on how effectively Halton meets the needs of and improves the outcomes of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities as defined in the Act and described in the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years.

### **RECOMMENDATION: That**

- (1) Members receive the presentation; and
- (2) Consider how the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board supports children with special educational needs and disabilities locally.

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Children and Families Act 2014 placed new duties on local areas in relation to the provision for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities. These new duties came into force in September 2014.

## **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards have a key role to play in supporting how the local area meets the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

## **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 From May 2016 Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission have commenced inspecting local areas on their effectiveness in fulfilling the new duties.

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

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

Improve outcomes for children and young people with special educational needs and/ or disabilities

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

Improve education and employment opportunities for children and young people with SEND

## **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

Support children and young people so that they can be as healthy as possible in adult life

## **6.4 A Safer Halton**

Ensure children and young people with SEN feel safe

## **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None.

## **7.0 Risk Analysis**

7.1 Inspections of local areas will evaluate how effectively the local area meets its responsibilities.

## **8.1 Background Reports**

Children and Families Act 2014

Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years

The framework for the Inspection of local areas' effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities