

REPORT TO: Health Policy & Performance Board
DATE: 29th September 2020
REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Commissioner, NHS Halton CCG
PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Adult ADHD Service
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update on Adult ADHD Service

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That:

i) Update is noted

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 NHS Halton CCG commission an Adult ADHD service from North West Boroughs Community Health Foundation Trust. The provider gave notice on the service in September 2019 and closed the service to new referrals in November 2019.

3.2 The service is a Pan Borough provision that is jointly commissioned with other mid Mersey CCG's (Warrington, Knowsley and St Helens). Each CCG has been exploring alternative options for future service delivery that will meet NICE Guidance and deliver assessment, titration of medication for those diagnosed with ADHD and ongoing prescribing and/or annual oversight for patients who are then transferred for ongoing medication prescribing to their GP under a Shared Care Protocol. Halton is the only area in Mid Mersey that has successfully implemented and funded Shared Care and subsequently will require a slightly different service provision in the short term from the other Mid Mersey CCG's. This adds an extra level of complexity to securing future service provision

3.3 The primary option for future delivery of this service was a joint venture with a partner CCG regarding continuation of provision by the current provider following revision of the investment to ensure sufficient capacity to meet demand.

3.4 Unfortunately, due to some difficulties in securing investment from the partner CCG this option is now no longer viable

Consequently, a secondary option is being explored with an alternative provider to understand the costs associated with

- Clearance of the current waiting list
- Titration of patients diagnosed
- Ongoing oversight to support shared care for a limited period
- Prescribing for the existing caseload and any new cases not suitable for transfer to Shared Care

Once feasibility and costs have been clarified a proposal will be made to the Integrated Management Team of NHS Halton CCG for a decision on supporting the proposal

The proposal will give the opportunity of a 12 months window to explore other longer term options which may become available due to the changing landscape of mental health provision in Merseyside and Cheshire

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Costs will be incurred for by the CCG

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

A small number of children aged over 16yrs are currently being held within the paediatric commissioned service with Bridgewater Community Foundation Trust as they cannot transition to the Adult Service however as Halton has a shared care offer we are working with local GP's to support their transition.

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

N/A

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

None

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

N/A

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

N/A

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Currently the risks to patients and service delivery have been mitigated and plans are in place.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None.

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

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.