

**REPORT TO:** Health & Wellbeing Board

**DATE:** 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Director of Adult Social Services

**SUBJECT:** Halton Borough Council and NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group : Joint Working Arrangements

**WARD(S):** Borough-wide

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present an overview of the new working arrangements between Halton Borough Council (HBC) and NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), which took effect from 1st April 2020.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

i) **Note the contents of the report and associated Appendices**

## 3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 HBC and NHS Halton CCG have had a Joint Working Agreement (JWA), including a pooled budget, in place for the commissioning of services for people with Complex Care needs since April 2013; from April 2015, the JWA included the Better Care Fund.

3.2 A review of the JWA was undertaken during the first six months of 2019/20, which resulted in HBC and NHS Halton CCG agreeing that the Continuing Healthcare (CHC) and Community Care budget elements of the pooled budget would be separated out, which has resulted in the development of a revised JWA for the Better Care Fund (including the Disabled Facilities Grant, Winter Pressures and Improved Better Care Fund).

3.3 The Board should note, that as both HBC and NHS Halton CCG remain committed to developing our integrated approach to service delivery and transformation to improve the Health and Well-Being of Halton residents, we also worked on developing financial, commissioning and contracting arrangements for Joint Funded packages, Funded Nursing Care and Direct Payments which fall under the CHC and Community Care Budgets, which now sit outside of the pool budget w.e.f 1st April 2020.

3.4 The JWA was reviewed by both HBC and NHS Halton CCG and has been amended/updated to reflect changes in organisational structure, governance arrangements associated with the JWA and agreed Pooled Budget; see **Appendix 1**.

3.5 In respect to the working arrangements associated with the management of the CHC and Community Care budgets as outlined in paragraph 3.3 above, HBC and NHS Halton CCG has developed the associated processes necessary with regards to managing our organisation's aligned budget, consisting of the following funding

streams:-

- Community Care;
- Continuing Health Care (CHC);
- Funded Nursing Care (FNC); and
- Jointly Funded Care, including Section 117

3.6 Attached at **Appendix 2** is a diagram, which aims to outline the governance arrangements, associated with the new working arrangements introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

3.7 As part of ongoing developments proposed by the NHS and DHCS to the health and social care system such as Integrated Care Systems and Integrated Care Partnerships etc., it may be appropriate to review the JWA in the plan period. The appropriateness of this will be kept under review by the Better Care Development Group and Executive Partnership Board and further reports brought to the HWBB as appropriate.

#### 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified.

#### 5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, the revised pooled budget includes:-

- Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF)
  - Includes spend in areas such as Intermediate Care Services, Carers, Equipment Services, Care Homes, Domiciliary Care, Telecare, Supported Discharge, Community Respiratory and Rehabilitation Services
- Disabled Facility Grant
- Winter Pressures Funding

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

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

None identified

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

None identified.

##### 6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Those people who are in receipt of long term care whether that is funding from Health or Social Care are those people in our communities with some of the most clinically complex and severe on going needs, so it is essential we have effective mechanisms in place to ensure that people we provide services to receive appropriate outcomes.

The integrated system, pooled budget arrangements and continued alignment of our CHC and Community Care budgets will continue to ensure that the resources available to both Health and Social Care are effectively used in the delivery of personalised, responsive and holistic care to those who are most in need.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 The JWA complies with the financial standing orders of HBC and NHS Halton CCG and the regulatory and monitoring arrangements contained within.

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**

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Joint Working Agreement between HBC and NHS Halton CCG 1.4.16 – 31.3.19	Copy available via Email	Sue Wallace Bonner <a href="mailto:Susan.Wallace-Bonner@halton.gov.uk">Susan.Wallace-Bonner@halton.gov.uk</a> Tel: 0151 511 8825
Memorandum of Understanding HBC and NHS Halton CCG 1.4.19 – 30.9.19	Copy available via Email	Sue Wallace Bonner <a href="mailto:Susan.Wallace-Bonner@halton.gov.uk">Susan.Wallace-Bonner@halton.gov.uk</a> Tel: 0151 511 8825
Memorandum of Understanding HBC and NHS Halton CCG 1.10.19 – 31.3.20	Copy available via Email	Sue Wallace Bonner <a href="mailto:Susan.Wallace-Bonner@halton.gov.uk">Susan.Wallace-Bonner@halton.gov.uk</a> Tel: 0151 511 8825

**Appendix 1: Joint Working Agreement – HBC & NHS Halton CCG 2020/23**

**Appendix 2: Joint Working Arrangements (Post 1.4.20)**