

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board

DATE: 24th March 2021

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Commissioner Halton CCG; Director of Strategy and Partnerships Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS FT

PORTFOLIO: Health & Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Presentation on pre-consultation engagement outcomes around the creation of a 'Health Hub' delivering some outpatient Hospital Services from Runcorn Shopping City

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (WHH), in partnership with Halton Borough Council and Liverpool City Region, has developed a plan to utilise unused retail space in Runcorn Shopping City to deliver a number of clinical services. The following presentation describes the pre-consultation engagement work to date, including response rates and themed outcomes.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) the report be noted; and**
- 2) the Board receives the proposal to begin formal consultation proceedings following local elections in May.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Supporting information to be delivered via a presentation to the Board.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All physical and pathway changes will be funded via the LCR bid and through capital funding secured via WHH's capital programme. Additional revenue funding has been secured from the Trust to offset the ongoing revenue requirements of the scheme.

The costs to run this consultation will be funded via the LCR bid funding.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

Provision of health services for Children and Young People from a community location such as Shopping City, with increased transport links and free parking has potential to make access easier. This will be tested through the feedback from the consultation.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

Potential for increased volunteering opportunities through offering of additional location for health care delivery. By providing health and care services within a community location, it raises the profile of employment opportunities within health and care.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

There is a potential for improved access to clinical services, including an expanded ophthalmology service, which might reduce any requirement for patients to travel out of Borough for healthcare. This will be tested via the consultation.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

There is potential for increased footfall within Runcorn Shopping City, for example there could be up to 200 patients per week who are accessing ophthalmic services.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

The project is governed in line with Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals risk controls. A detailed risk log is available, and mitigations are in place as appropriate.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

All design and construction of health assets within Runcorn Shopping City as a result of this project will be accompanied by a detailed Equality Impact Assessment, should the outcome of the consultation support these plans.

Additionally, the new potential location would offer improved access and accessibility than the current service delivery location within Phase 1 of Halton General Hospital, including reduced travel from the car park to the service.

The new location will reduce the requirement for patients having to travel out of Borough to receive care.

There is a reduced risk of entering a hospital site during the covid-19 pandemic, especially for BAME residents, vulnerable residents, and residents with long-term conditions.

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

'None under the meaning of the Act.'