

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 14th July 2022

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

PORTFOLIO: Adult Social Care

SUBJECT: Contractual arrangements with Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board with the implementation of the Integrated Care System and; provide an update on One Halton Place Based Partnership

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To approve amendment to contractual arrangements with the dissolution of Halton Clinical Commissioning Group and arrangements transferring to NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board and;
- 1.2 Provide an update on One Halton Place Based Partnership development with Cheshire Merseyside Integrated Care System (ICS) context.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

- i) Note the update on One Halton;**
- ii) Approve the amendment to contractual arrangements as set out in the report**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Executive Board received a comprehensive report on 16th June 2022 setting out the statutory requirements of the Health and Care Act 2022 which dissolved Clinical Commissioning Groups and implemented Integrated Care Systems (ICS's) as of the 1st July 2022.
- 3.2 An Integrated Care System consists of an Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Integrated Care Partnership (ICP).
- 3.2.1 Former Clinical Commissioning Groups functions, staff and resources have lifted and shifted to the ICB, this will be referred to as NHS Cheshire and Merseyside. The ICB is a statutory organisation bringing the NHS together locally to improve population

health and establish shared strategic priorities.

- 3.2.2 The ICP brings together a wider range of partners, not just the NHS, to develop a plan to address the broader health, public health, and social care needs of the population. The ICP will retain the existing Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership brand.
- 3.2.3 The ICS is for the whole of Cheshire & Merseyside, it is one of 42 across England. The geography covers nine Local Authority areas and in each of those a Place Based Partnership (PBP) is required to be established, locally this is One Halton.
- 3.2.4 One Halton, the place based partnerships future role is to:-
- Understand and work with Halton's communities
 - Join up and co-ordinate services around population needs
 - Address social and economic factors that influence health and wellbeing (wider determinants of health)
 - Support quality and sustainability of local services
- 3.2.5 One Halton has been developed to be a Joint Committee to the ICS so it can receive delegated responsibilities from the Integrated Care Board. The ambition is for services to be commissioned as close to residents as possible.
- 3.2.6 It should be emphasised One Halton is continuing to develop, this is an iterative process with further guidance and structures emerging. The first year will be a transition period, ensuring arrangements land safely with the changeover to ICB with any more significant changes and delegations to place being considered from 2023.
- 3.3 Prior to these arrangements the Council and Halton Clinical Commissioning Group had a Joint Working Agreement (JWA), known as a Section 75 agreement. This agreement allows partners (NHS bodies and Councils) to contribute to a common fund which can be used to commission health or social care related services. The JWA is in place until 31st March 2023, for the remainder of the term this will be transferred to the ICB and renegotiated with a new agreement set out from April 2023.
- 3.4 Similarly, the contract for funding people in Care Homes, has also transferred to the ICB.
- 3.5 The Council have received a letter regarding the transfer to Cheshire & Merseyside ICB advising there is no new documentation to sign and the existing contractual agreements will continue (appendix one).
- 3.6 Further reports will be provided regarding agreements beyond April 2023 in due course.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 White Paper, *Integrating Care: Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England* published February 2021. Once legislation is passed, a new NHS Framework will be shared which is likely to have impact on a number of policies and will need to be reviewed in due course.

4.2 White Paper, *Joining Up Care for People, Places and Populations*, February 2022 sets out future ambitions for shared outcomes by 2023 with shared accountability and a single person accountable at place level. A single health & care record to be achieved by 2024 which has significant implications on resources and ways of working.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Anticipated, but not yet known. Cheshire & Merseyside ICB need to agree services to be delivered direct from ICB, any at scale and provision delegated to One Halton to enable us to fully understand the resource and financial impacts; this will be worked through in the transition (first) year.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

One Halton supports the Council's Health & Wellbeing Boards priority of improving levels of early child development. One of the system priorities is Start Well.

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

One Halton shares the Council's priorities for employment, learning and skills in Halton. The workforce that supports the health & care system is significant in Halton and there will be a focussed work stream in the transition arrangements to ensure current staff are supported and there is planning and investment to develop skills and the future workforce.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

One Halton is a key stakeholder locally supporting the Council & Health and Wellbeing Boards priorities for supporting improved health outcomes and reducing health inequalities for Halton's population.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

One Halton supports the Council's priorities to create a safer Halton. Health and wellbeing are pivotal characteristics of resilient

communities; a whole system approach to place will intrinsically contribute to building a safer Halton.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

The NHS reforms to Integrated Care Systems and Place Based Partnerships seek to engender a whole place collaborative approach.

As arrangements progress there will be a work stream around assets to understand the estate that supports delivery in Halton.

It is also imperative to plan appropriately for healthy communities utilising Public Health ensuring an evidence led approach to meeting the future needs of Halton's population. One Halton should be linked into future regeneration schemes and developments in the Borough to ensure appropriate planning and system partner involvement. There are recent examples of joint working with the delivery of a Hospital Hub in Shopping City (opening April 2022) and the development of the Town Deal for Runcorn Old Town.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 This will require further work to be shared in future reports as and when One Halton understands the services and activity that will be delivered at scale (Cheshire & Merseyside footprint) and those delegated to place (One Halton).

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 In developing One Halton, all services will continue to require equality impact assessments for any fundamental changes to service delivery to ensure equality and access to services is considered.

8.2 The One Halton Board and its sub-committees also has membership of Halton's Third Sector organisations and will actively work alongside them to consider equality and diversity issues. Many of Halton's voluntary sector organisations exist to support vulnerable, disadvantaged or disenfranchised cohorts of the community and have a reach often beyond public service delivery.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.