

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board

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PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Progress of the development of the Runcorn Health and Education Hub

WARD(S) 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 (HBC), Riverside College, Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BCH) and Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, have developed a project to create a Health and Education Hub in Runcorn as part of Reconnecting Runcorn Town Deal project. The accompanying presentation outlines the project and updates on progress and next steps.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board notes the contents of the presentation.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 All capital funding for the project will be made available from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities via Reconnecting Runcorn Town Deal programme.

5.2 Additional revenue funding will be secured from partners to offset ongoing revenue requirements of the scheme above and beyond what is provided as part of the Reconnecting Runcorn funding agreement.

5.3 There are opportunities for other local services and partners to deliver complementary services from the hub.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Additional provision of health services for Children and Young People from a community location within Runcorn Old Town will improve access within a highly deprived ward of Halton.

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

Delivery of education and training from the hub will improve learning and skills development opportunities, especially those linked to health and wellbeing careers and potentially reduce out-of-area travel requirements.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The project provides improved access to clinical and non-clinical health and wellbeing services within a deprived part of the Borough.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

The project will provide increased footfall within Runcorn Old Town and support the aims of Reconnecting Runcorn, including improved connectivity and an enhanced cultural offer within the area.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 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**

An Equality Impact Analysis (EIA) has been produced to offset any negative impacts where identified. The EIA has been through the appropriate governance processes as per Trust policy. A version of this EIA has been submitted as part of the business case process. The EIA will continue to be updated as the project develops, The most up-to-date version of the EIA is available from the Trust on request.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.