

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board

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REPORTING OFFICER: Warrington & Halton Hospitals Director of Strategy & Partnerships

PORTFOLIO: Health & Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Anchor Institutes

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1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an overview of Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trusts (WHH) journey as an anchor institution and to demonstrate how this work is being delivered through several initiatives, including the Halton Health Hub, the Community Diagnostic Centre and the emerging Health and Education Hub.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:**

i) Notes the update.

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 As an anchor institution, WHH has an opportunity to positively influence the health and wellbeing of the patients we serve and the local communities we are part of. A board level commitment and programme of work is in place to use the Trust's position and influence to work with others in responsible ways, to have an even greater impact on the wider factors that create happy, healthy and thriving communities.

The programme is formed around three core pillars of social value, health inequalities and delivery of the NHS Green Plan. The three projects below highlight specific anchor work which also support and is enabled by Place partnerships.

3.2 The Halton Health Hub is a standalone outpatient unit situated within Shopping City in Runcorn. It has been designed from the outset to provide an improved patient experience, allowing patients easier access to their appointments, as well as assisting the Trust in furthering our ambitions in improving the health, wealth and prosperity of our boroughs by encouraging further use of the facilities within Shopping City and boosting the local economy, as well as improving local health outcomes. The hub consists of:

- 5 clinical examination rooms

- 2 diagnostic imaging rooms
- Adult and paediatric waiting rooms
- A full complement of staff support spaces, including a kitchen and a shower

On 30th November 2022 optometry, orthoptics, audiology and dietetic appointments commenced delivery from this location.

3.3

Enabled through an allocation of new capital and revenue funding from central government, the Warrington and Halton Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) will create an enhanced range of diagnostic services for the populations of Warrington and Halton with additional capacity to service demand from across the wider Cheshire and Merseyside region. The plan will be delivered in two phases. Funding is confirmed for phase 1 and a further business case is pending approval for delivery of stage 2.

Phase 1: Fast Track Community Diagnostic Centre – Funding approval received September 2022

This scheme includes the following:

1. Repurposing of existing space in the Nightingale building (former Halton General hospital) to create clinical rooms for the provision of additional capacity in Cardio-respiratory, Ultrasound and Phlebotomy (blood-testing) services.
2. Design and build of a new Multi-Storey Car Park to accommodate larger patient numbers and future-proof access to the site for further growth.

The fast-track CDC element of the phase 1 plan is anticipated to be operational by early April 2023 with the multi-storey car park due for completion in summer 2024.

Phase 2: Large Scale Community Diagnostic Centre – Funding decision anticipated in early January 2023.

Development of a new build large-scale CDC as an extension to the existing Captain Sir Tom Moore (former Cheshire and Merseyside Treatment Centre) building on the Halton site.

The new CDC will accommodate an extensive range of diagnostic services, including imaging (MRI, CT, Ultrasound, Fluoroscopy, X-Ray), Cardiology, Pathology and Audiology.

3.4

WHH is a partner within Runcorn Old Town's submission to the Town Deal Investment Fund, with an overall opportunity to bring up to £25m to the town. The Health and Education Hub Project is led by WHH and is one of 7 projects within the Town Deal plan.

The Health and Education Hub is planned to deliver services focussed on prevention, women and children and long-term conditions from a central location in Runcorn.

The project is being developed in partnership with a range of health and care providers across Runcorn, including Bridgewater Community Health Care NHS Foundation Trust and Halton Borough Council. The scheme includes a flexible education element designed in partnership with Riverside College.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Supports delivery of the following policies: -
The Public Services (Social Value Act) 2012
Public Sector Equality Duty
Cheshire and Merseyside Social Value Charter
Cheshire and Merseyside Anchor Charter
NHS Prevention Pledge
Greener NHS

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 N/A

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 6.1 Delivery of WHH's anchor programme and the partnerships which support delivery of the projects within, have the potential to positively impact against each of the council's priorities.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 N/A

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 Undertaken at specific project level

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

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