

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board
DATE: 22 March 2023
REPORTING OFFICER: Chair, Healthwatch Halton
PORTFOLIO: Health & Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Access to NHS Dental Services in Halton
WARD(S) Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide an update on access to dental services in Halton.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the report.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The attached report (Appendix 1) provides an update on the difficulties the residents of Halton have been experiencing in getting access to a NHS dentist.

3.2 The report sets out the enquiries Healthwatch Halton have been receiving from residents and outlined what they would like to happen going forward, to ensure that that local people have access to a NHS dental service.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities recently produced the results of the 2021 Adult Oral Health Survey. These results reflected the feedback received locally by Healthwatch Halton.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None identified.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

Commissioned dental services supports the Council priorities for Children and Young People.

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

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Commissioned and provided dental services supports the Councils priorities for a Healthy Halton.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None identified.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 Commissioned and planned dental services support equality and diversity and a targeted approach is being undertaken to support the more vulnerable of the population.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None identified.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.
