

**REPORT TO:** Healthy Halton Policy & Performance Board  
**DATE:** 9 June 2009  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Health & Community  
**SUBJECT:** Sure Start to Later Life Evaluation Report  
**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To inform Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board of the Sure Start to Later Life Evaluation Report (Appendix 1).

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

i) **That members of the Board note the report.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Sure Start to Later Life service and evaluation

3.1.1 The rationale for the Sure Start to Later Life (SS2LL) service had two main strands when it was established in August 2007. Firstly, the service was a response to older people who voiced the need for more information about activities and services to be made accessible to them. Secondly, the project was HBC's first major step on the path to establishing a more strategic approach to early intervention and prevention in older people's services. It was envisaged that if the project proved its worth to older people and partner agencies it would pave the way for a broader robust prevention strategy.

3.1.2 The evaluation of the Sure Start to Later Life service has taken place over the last five months and has been conducted by the National Development Team (NDT) led by Peter Bates and Rob Grieg. (Appendix 1) Overall the evaluation is positive and demonstrates that the service is delivering positive outcomes for service users.

3.1.3 "Halton Borough Council and their local partners can rightly be proud of the achievements of the SS2LI team to date."

"The team is well led, is delivering positive outcomes and making a real difference in the lives of many older people."

3.1.4 Key issues from the evaluation are mostly around the further development of partnership work with associated services, agencies and older people.

The report recommends that:

- The service's main stream funding is confirmed and the service expanded as the strategic shift from crisis orientated to preventative provision takes effect
- Partnerships in Prevention (PIP) continues and is expanded to include a wider group of organisations involved in preventative work
- PIP be developed into a formalised preventative partnership with established pathways
- SCIP/SS2LL partnership should continue

## 3.2 Partnerships in Prevention

3.2.1 The Sure Start to Later Life project manager was the key driver for the creation of the Partnerships in Prevention (PIP) group. A "Building Common Ground" one day workshop was commissioned by the project manager to create dialogue between staff of the Red Cross, Community Bridge Builders, Age Concern, Health Trainers/Reach for the Stars and Sure Start to Later Life services. The group produced an action plan around producing more joined up prevention services for older people. Staff from these services now meet quarterly and are currently doing mapping work on the services.

3.2.2 One of the key recommendations of the SS2LL report is that PIP is formalised and developed further. One of the key duties of the SS2LL manager would be to drive and expand this initiative to include many more services that provide preventative support to older people. They would also develop a more coordinated preventative response across services to older people. The aim would be to provide a whole system approach to prevention and early intervention, integrating this work into the "Improving outcomes for older people" PID workstream. Other key duties would include engaging older people in the co production of PIP services and contributing to the growing intergenerational activity in Halton, also part of the PID workstream.

3.2.3 Key links with the VATF workstream and an early intervention and prevention strategy will be developed within the next 12 months.

## 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The policy framework in appendix 2 sets out the importance of access to information and preventative services as a key element within a number of national policy strands.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Sure Start to Later Life is involved in intergenerational activities across the borough. Also likely that service will eventually be available to all adults.

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

SS2LL signpost to all above services and activities.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

SS2LL is member of Partnerships in Prevention(PIP) which also enables close links with Health Trainers/Reach for the Stars/Diamond Life.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

SS2LL signposts and refers to safety initiatives within the Borough.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Duplication of service provision by other agencies. Regular PIP meetings to clearly identify different functions of each agency. Development of distinct prevention identity for SS2LL. Proposal not significant enough to require a full risk assessment

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 An Equality and Diversity Assessment for the Sure Start to Later Life service has been completed.

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

None.