

APPENDIX 1

Extract of Executive Board and Executive Board Sub Committee Minutes Relevant to the Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 16TH JULY 2009

EXB24 INTERMEDIATE CARE SERVICE WARRINGTON

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Health and Community which provided details of the initial expression of interest submitted to Warrington Borough Council and Warrington PCT to deliver an integrated Intermediate Care Service and sought the Board's approval to progress the application and submit a formal tender.

The Board was advised that the Service would aim to:-

- Improve the ability of people to live independently through the provision of enabling and rehabilitation Intermediate Care services;
- Enable adults with physical and / or mental health impairment (but not adults with severe and enduring mental health), the Client Group, to participate fully in their local communities;
- Involve users of services, their significant others and the local community in the planning, development, monitoring and review of Intermediate Care services;
- Provide a robust performance management and clinical governance framework to ensure services meet the needs of the community, with regard to evidence based practice, best value and value for money; and
- Improve the range and mix of services for the Client Group and develop pathways that enable the appropriate and timely use of primary and secondary health care, social services, culture and leisure activities and voluntary sector services.

The Board was further advised that following the evaluation of the initial submission, the Authority in partnership with Health had been asked to take part in the next stage, the development of an outline solution which was appended to the report for information.

The outline solutions would be assessed and further dialogue would take place with organisations. A detailed solution would need to be

submitted in September 2009. The final submission of a formal tender would need to be made by 6th November 2009. If the Authority / Health Trust should be successful, notifications would be in December 2009 / January 2010 with a view to the service being delivered in April 2010.

Arising from the discussion the Board felt there was not sufficient financial information available with regard to long term funding and potential operational problems.

RESOLVED: That Halton Borough Council does not proceed with this application.

EXB25 NATIONAL SUPPORT TEAM FOR HEALTH INEQUALITIES

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Health and Community which gave a progress update and action plan in response to the visit by the National Support Team (NST) for Health Inequalities in February 2009.

The Board was advised that in February 2009 the Health Inequalities National Support Team had assessed the position in St Helens and Halton and made a number of recommendations for improvement. The focus of the review was not on long term strategies but on immediate action which St Helens, Halton and the Primary Care Trust could take to dramatically reduce health inequalities within the next two years.

The Board was further advised that since the visit, a working group had been established and an action plan developed which was appended to the report for Members' consideration. Halton & St. Helens Council's had also agreed to lead on two of the main recommendations.

RESOLVED: That the Action Plan set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

EXB26 WHISTON HOSPITAL – BURNS UNIT

The Board considered an urgent report of the Strategic Director, Health and Community which invited the Members to consider a proposal to establish a major burns unit in Manchester to the detriment of the existing unit at Whiston Hospital.

RESOLVED: That:

- (1) This Council condemns the decision not to include Whiston Hospital on the short list for the major burns unit;
- (2) This Council calls on the Secretary of State for Health to intervene and ensure that the provision of the Major Burns

Unit is maintained at Whiston Hospital without any of the facilities being downgraded;

- (3) This Council is concerned that no proper business case has been developed or presented to the Council to support the recommendation to centralise a Burns Unit in Manchester;
- (4) the Hospital will be left with significant financial problems as it now has a newly built Burns Unit with a PFI tariff to pay; and

If the Burns Unit is lost to Whiston, then other services will be lost including the services of leading burns specialists and facial reconstruction surgeons who are responsible for the reconstruction of facial features damaged by both cancer and burns.