

REPORT TO: Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 19th January 2010

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Health & Community

SUBJECT: Presentation – Drug Treatment Plan

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To introduce a presentation on the development of a Drug Treatment Plan for submission to the National Treatment Agency.

2.0 Recommendation: that

- (1) The Board notes and comments on the information presented.
- (2) The Board support the overall direction and purpose of approach to the Plan.

3.0 Supporting Information

- 3.1 Final plans have to be submitted to the National Treatment Agency (NTA) for approval and sign off by the end of March 2010.
- 3.2 The Plan is in the final stages of completion to First draft. The presentation will set the context for the Plan, the overall direction and purpose for drug treatment in Halton and the Key priorities for a drug treatment system to meet local needs.

4.0 Policy Implications

4.1 The Plan will set the strategic direction for the work of the Drug Action Team. Based on a social inclusion model it will support the delivery of key LAA outcomes around physical and mental well-being, worklessness, reducing criminality and safeguarding vulnerable adults and children.

5.0 Final Implications

5.1 Approval of the Plan by the NTA underpins the financial allocation to Halton for drug treatment in 2010 – 11.

6.0 Implication's for the Council's Priorities

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

Improved outcomes around children in need and safeguarding children.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton
Improved outcomes around reducing worklessness.

6.3 A Healthy Halton
Improved outcomes around physical and mental well-being, especially in relation to blood born viruses.

6.4 A Safer Halton
Reductions in drug related criminality.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal
None identified.

7.0 Risk Analysis

7.1 Failure to comply with the NTA's timetable and guidelines, and the non-approval of the Plan by the NTA would have detrimental financial consequences. A strong, sustainable Plan is essential to the tendering of the contract for treatment services.

8.0 Equality and Diversity Issues

8.1 None identified.

9.0 List of Background Papers Under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.