

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 17 October 2019

REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Adult Social Services

PORTFOLIO: Children, Education & Social Care

SUBJECT: Halton Borough Council and NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group : Joint Working Agreement

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 This report proposes a further extension to the current Joint Working Agreement (JWA) between Halton Borough Council (HBC) and NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to the 31 March 2020, to allow for the separation of the Continuing Healthcare (CHC) and Community Care budget elements of the pooled budget, as agreed by the Executive Board on 19 September 2019.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the Board**

- 1) **Note the contents of the report; and**
- 2) **Consider and agree to a six month extension of the current JWA.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 At the Executive Board on 14th March 2019, the Board approved an extension of the current JWA up to 30th September 2019, to allow sufficient time for a full review of the JWA to be undertaken and assess the future of joint working arrangements between both parties.

3.2 Following this review, a report was presented to Executive Board on 19th September 2019 outlining the work which had been carried out and options for the future joint working arrangements.

3.3 The recommended option, as outlined in 1.1, was approved and work will now need to take place to ensure appropriate implementation.

3.4 It should be noted that NHS Halton CCG will ensure that this extension is approved via their own governance arrangements and a Memorandum of Understanding between both parties will be drawn up which will set out the nature of the working arrangement during this extension period.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 As part of the JWA, HBC and NHS Halton CCG entered into a Pooled Budget arrangement which contains the expenditure on delivering care and support services for adults with complex needs. The Pooled Budget also includes the Better Care Fund.

During the 6 month extension, up to 31st March 2020 work will be undertaken, to ensure that the necessary changes are made to associated operational systems and processes such as the financial systems which support the joint working arrangements.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

None identified

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

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Those people who are in receipt of long term care whether that is funding from Health or Social Care are those people in our communities with some of the most clinically complex and severe on going needs, so it is essential we have effective mechanisms in place to ensure that people we provide services to receive appropriate outcomes.

The integrated system and pooled budget arrangements developed ensures that the resources available to both Health and Social Care are effectively used in the delivery of personalised, responsive and holistic care to those who are most in need.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 The JWA complies with the financial standing orders of HBC and NHS Halton CCG and the regulatory and monitoring arrangements contained within.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None associated with this report.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Joint Working Agreement between HBC and NHS Halton CCG 1.4.16 – 31.3.19	Copy available via Email	Sue Wallace Bonner Susan.Wallace-Bonner@halton.gov.uk Tel: 0151 511 8825