

REPORT TO: Executive Board
DATE: 8 April 2010
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Adult & Community
SUBJECT: Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present to Members of the Executive Board, a Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That: the Executive Board comment and approve the Strategy.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy attached at Appendix 1 is important as it aims to address some of the challenges that Health and Social Care face in the future. For example, the increase in the older population is likely to have an impact on the number of people with a long-term condition or with increased health needs. The current resources available through Health and Social Care will not be sufficient to address this challenge.

3.2 A number of National documents have been identified (see section 4 in Appendix 1) to support the shift towards prevention services and the local prevention and early intervention strategy aims to identify the direction of travel in Halton.

3.3 In addition to the rapid increase in the older population we are currently facing some of the most difficult economic challenges for some years. This will further increase the need to take a radical new approach to the services we provide.

3.4 A series of consultation events have already been undertaken with a range of commissioning staff, Voluntary Sector representatives, Independent Providers and service users and carers. The Council's Health Policy and Performance Board have also scrutinised the Strategy. In addition to these events a number of one-to-one meetings and a multi-agency steering group were carried out to ensure that a wide range of views were covered. The main themes of the Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy reflect the consultation that was completed.

3.5 The Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy complements a range of other policy documents both Nationally and locally to help shape services. Therefore, the main elements of this Strategy are reflected in these documents. A list of these strategies are contained in the background papers.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The **Government White Paper: Our Health, Our Care, Our Say (January 2006)** outlines the overall shift from complex care to prevention and this is further evidenced in **Putting People First – Transforming Adult Social Care (2007)** and **High quality care for all (Darzi report 2008)**. These documents demonstrate the importance of prevention and how an agreed model of early intervention could work across a number of service areas.

4.2 On 17th January 2008, the **Department of Health issued a Local Authority Circular entitled ‘Transforming Social Care’**. The circular sets out information to support transformation of social care and at the heart of this change is the personalisation agenda. As we develop community provision within prevention services we will need to consider the implications of personalisation for the whole community.

4.3 Locally, to support these National documents, the **Older People’s Commissioning Strategy and the Advancing Well Strategy** identify the need to support Older People to maintain their independence and a high quality of life. The Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy Mid term review, The Carers Commissioning Strategy and the Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Physical and/or Sensory Disabilities all outline the current position and needs of different service areas in the borough. These documents look at the need for a range of support services to help people achieve the best outcomes for them including information, transport, advocacy and health promotion.

4.4 The Council has already considered a range of strategies to address some of the areas of Prevention and Early Intervention, including Reablement services and Local Dementia Strategy. These have previously been submitted to the Board for their endorsement.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This is a Joint Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy with NHS Halton & St Helens. Finance information in relation to current service provision is provided at Appendix 2. There are no financial implications of this strategy in the short-term, as the strategy outlines a long-term shift in funding priorities over the next five years. Should additional finances be required then a further report

will be submitted to the Board for its consideration.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

The intergenerational strand of the Strategy will promote greater understanding and respect between generations, and contribute to building more cohesive communities.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

Within a number of the commissioning areas the targets for services will be linked to supporting vulnerable service users to access education, volunteering, training and employment opportunities.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

Each of the service areas covered in the strategy is expected to clearly demonstrate a positive impact on the health and well-being of service users in Halton. This includes performance towards healthier lifestyles, better access, improved accommodation, dignity and improved mental health outcomes.

6.4 A Safer Halton

Prevention and Early Intervention is focussed on community support and social inclusion, this includes the need to develop safer neighbourhoods. One example of this is the use of Telecare services, which supports people to feel safer and more supported in their own home.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 This strategy outlines the key risks and issues that commissioning faces in the next five years. If these areas are not addressed then the risk to health inequalities, economic burden, strain on frontline health and social care services would be extreme. The strategy sets out the importance of a continuing shift toward improved lifestyle and an increase in preventative service provision.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 The Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy addresses issues of equality and diversity for a range of service users. It ensures that access to services is not restricted because of age, mental health

and well-being, limiting illness. It also considers alternative and diverse methods to address the needs of people in Halton. Two key messages from the strategy relate to maintaining the dignity of all people accessing services and ensuring that nobody is discriminated on the grounds of age.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Older people's commissioning strategy 2009-2014	Runcorn Town Hall	Operational Director Older People Services
Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy Mid Term Review 2007	Runcorn Town Hall	Operational Director Adults of Working Age
Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Physical and/or sensory Disabilities.	Runcorn Town Hall	Operational Director Adults of Working Age
Carers Commissioning Strategy	Runcorn Town Hall	Operational Director Adults of Working Age