

REPORT TO: Healthy Halton Policy & Performance Board
DATE: 8 March 2011
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Adults & Community
SUBJECT: Older People's Local Implementation Team – Annual Review
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the first annual review from the Older People's Local Implementation Team.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION:

That Members of the Healthy Halton Policy & Performance Board:

i) Comment on the overall strategy;

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The *Older People's Local Implementation Team (OP LIT)* was developed as a direct response to *The National Service Framework (NSF) for Older People (2001)*. The OP LIT has operated for almost ten years through a strong Multi-agency team chaired by the Local Authority and vice chaired by the Primary Care Trust. Members include the chair of Halton Older People's Empowerment Network (OPEN), Councillor Ellen Cargill, Chair of the Health Policy & Performance Board, two other older people representatives; Dignity Network Chair and a carer's representative also attend the meetings.

3.2 The Board is currently overseeing the implementation of three important strategies:

- Older People's Commissioning Strategy (2009-2014)
- Local Dementia Strategy (2010-2015)
- Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy (2010-2015)

3.3 This is the first time the Older People's LIT has attempted to outline the work that they have been involved in and the impact they as a multi-agency group have made. It is envisaged that this will become a regular activity to illustrate the work of the Board. It is important to point out that the report has been written specifically to be circulated to professional bodies at this point, however, it is due to be discussed by Halton OPEN in March with a separate public version to be completed.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are three main local strategies that are affected by the work of the Older People's Local Implementation Team as mentioned in section 3.0. The Older People's LIT will continue to oversee the implementation of these three strategies, which will help meet some of the key National targets set out in documents such as: *Living Well with Dementia – A National Strategy (2009)*, *A new ambition for old age (2006)*, *'Building a society for all ages' (DWP, 2009)*. There will also be major implications with the implementation of the Governments reforms of the NHS as outlined in *Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS (2010)*.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications within this report.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

The Older People's Local Implementation Team is overseeing the implementation of the Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy and as part of this an Intergenerational strategy will be completed. This will consider some of the issues that face both younger and older people in the borough and how the two groups can be brought together in the future.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

The Dementia strategy is one of the three areas that are being overseen by the Older People's LIT. Dementia does affect people of working age and this needs to be factored into service provision. We need to ensure that there are still opportunities for people with dementia and their carers to realise their potential through employment and volunteering. This has been identified as a Local Area Agreement target (NI150) within Mental Health.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

One of the major challenges facing Adult Social Care in the future is an ageing population. Population projections for people over 65 for Halton from 2010 – 2030 are shown in the table below along with the projections for limiting long-term illness.

Table 1: Population and Long-Term Illness Projections

Total population 65 and over					
	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Halton	17,300	20,200	22,700	25,100	27,600

Total population aged 65 and with a limiting long-term illness					
	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Halton	9,585	11,143	12,527	13,972	15,409

Source: Projecting Older People Population Information

As can be seen, the forecast is that there will be a very significant growth in the population of older people in the borough between 2010 and 2030 with an increase in the number of people over 65 in Halton of 60% compared to a national average increase of 53%. This is anticipated to be accompanied by a corresponding increase in limiting long-term illness, for people in this age range, of 61%, the national average increase being forecast to be 55%.

Without further development of prevention and early intervention measures the increased numbers of older people, many with limiting long-term illnesses will be likely to significantly increase the local demand for residential and acute hospital care. The increase in the number of older people and in the number of people with long term conditions will put additional pressure on carers. This pressure will be experienced particularly by older carers as over the same period the available pool of younger carers will be shrinking as the population of people aged 18-64 is forecast to reduce by 4.3%.

These issues are at the heart of the Older People's priorities and the Board will continue to ensure that the challenges are addressed efficiently and effectively.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

Contracts that are performance managed through the Older People's LIT will be able to support specific Local Area Agreement targets linked to information provision, satisfaction with services and overall perception of the area that they reside. These targets will be agreed as part of any revised contract and will be monitored through the relevant Commissioning Manager.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 The Older People's Local Implementation Team is committed to ensuring that all strategies, policies and decisions fit within existing Safeguarding policies. All strategies make reference to safeguarding and must clearly demonstrate how they will ensure best practice is adhered to. In addition the dignity agenda is a major priority of the

Older People's LIT as demonstrated by the inclusion of both the Dignity Network chair and the Dignity co-ordinator on the board.

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

None.