

REPORT TO: Special Health Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 23rd August 2011

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director - Communities

SUBJECT: Review of Non-Arterial Centre Designation on Warrington Hospital and the people it serves

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information and highlight concerns relating to the review of Non- Arterial Centre Designation on Warrington Hospital and the people it serves.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDED: That Members of the PPB note the contents of the report and consider how they would like to progress the issues contained within it.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 At a Special Meeting of the Health Policy and Performance Board, held on 28th June 2011, members considered a report on the Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Review of the impact of non-arterial centre designation on Warrington Hospital and the people it serves.

3.2 In attendance were Dr. Tom Dent, Project Director, Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Review, a representative of the Cheshire and Merseyside Review Board, Mr. Simon Banks, Operational Director, NHS Halton and St. Helens and Jackie Robinson, NHS Knowsley.

3.3 The PPB were advised that the Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Review project board had recommended that Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust should not be designated as an arterial centre.

3.4 The outcome of the meeting was documented in the minutes and it was recorded that:

“The board also noted that Warrington was in the process of recruiting two more vascular surgeons and queried whether they could re-submit an application to the Vascular Review Board. In response it was noted that Warrington could re-submit an application to be an arterial centre, however they would have to prove that they met the criteria as effectively as did Chester and Liverpool.”

- 3.5 Following the PPB there was an E Mail exchange between Simon Wright from Warrington and Halton Hospital Foundation Trust and Tom Dent (Project Lead) and Chair of the PPB.
- 3.6 Tom Dent states that “With respect to the resubmission, I have no recollection of saying that this would be possible. I wonder if my remarks were misunderstood.”
- 3.7 Following on from this exchange, the Chair of the Health PPB would like to challenge the process followed within the review as the Liverpool and Chester hospitals were given time to refine (not resubmit) their application. WHHFT/ StH&K were not.
- 3.8 Consideration of this being undertaken jointly with Warrington OSC is being made.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

There are no policy implications as a direct result of this report however the health needs of children and young people are an integral part of the Health priority.

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

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The remit of the Health Policy and Performance Board is directly linked to this priority.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton’s Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Warrington Health Consortium will undertake a thorough assessment which will inform the risk analysis.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 Should vascular services be provided at the alternative venues, public transport will be a major issue for Halton residents as the arrangements are poor.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Review of Impact of Non-Arterial Centre Designation on Warrington Hospital and the People it Serves – Report to Health PPB 28/06/11	Civic Suite Runcorn Town Hall	Sue Wallace-Bonner, Operational Director, Prevention & Assessment