

REPORT TO: Health Policy and Performance Board

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REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director - Communities

PORTFOLIO: Health & Adults; Children, Young People & Families

SUBJECT: Health and Wellbeing Service

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Board with an update on the work being progressed to enhance Health and Wellbeing Services across Halton.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board Note the contents of the report.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 On 11th September 2012, the Board received a report outlining the partnership working arrangements and associated agreement which had been developed in response to the government's vision¹ for the need to develop a new, integrated and professional public health system, which would be designed to be more effective and to give clear accountability for the improvement and protection of the public's health.

3.2 The Partnership working arrangements involve the Local Authority, Halton Clinical Commissioning Group and Bridgewater Community NHS Trust and has provided an opportunity to review the current approach to the delivery of Health Improvement Services delivered by both health and local authority providers and align systems and services to:

- Deliver a community wide approach to health and well-being;
- Develop holistic solutions to improve health and well-being outcomes and address health inequalities (across health, social care and public health) within Halton; and
- Embrace the full range of local services e.g. health, housing, leisure, transport, employment, social care, education and children's services.

3.3 The Partnership Agreement set out a two phased approach to implementation and this report is intended to provide Board Members with an update around progress in terms of Phase 1 of implementation.

3.4 Phase 1 of implementation focused on three areas, as follows :-

¹ Healthy Lives Healthy People: Our strategy for public health in England

- the development of older peoples' services and pathways;
- a review of falls prevention services and associated pathways; and
- the development of the Community Wellbeing Practice model.

Older People Services

- 3.5 Significant work has taken place to align the services provided by the Health Improvement Team (Older People) based at Bridgewater Community NHS Trust to those provided by Halton Borough Council's Sure Start to Later Life and Community Bridge Building Service.

This work has involved:-

- the revision of referral pathways and assessment processes (including joint assessments);
- development of specific criteria to ensure correct referrals are made;
- development of closer working relationships between the teams, including joint training and team meetings; and
- training provided to Contact Centre staff and Initial Assessment Teams in terms of the new referrals pathways.

Falls Prevention

- 3.6 Work has been on-going since June 2012 in relation to the review of primary and secondary prevention of falls.

This work has involved the :-

- on-going development of a Halton Falls Strategy;
- review of the current specialist and associated falls services in relation to the national guidance, capacity, demand and skill mix;
- identification of gaps in provision and development of solutions through redesign and / or further commissioning; and
- development of an implementation plan and evaluation framework.

Community Wellbeing Practice (CWP) Model

- 3.7 Eight General Practices have signed up to the CWP initiative and Community Wellbeing Officers have been assigned to each of them. The GP practices that have signed up are :-

- Appleton Surgery;
- Beaconsfield;
- Brookvale;
- Hough Green;
- Grove House;
- Tower House;
- Castlefields; and
- Murdishaw

Attached at **Appendix 1** is a one page operational summary outlining the delivery of the CWP initiative.

A number of projects and activities are now being implemented within the practices, examples of which include:-

- Drawing at the Docs;
- 'Ignite Your Life' Community Resilience Events;
- Fruit on Prescription (**Appendix 2**); and
- Wellbeing Interventions – 'Treemendous', Yoga and the Money Guru.

Work is on-going to progress the CWP initiative and this includes :-

- development of partnership working arrangements;
- exploring tools for enhancing the GP consultation;
- encouragement of social entrepreneurship in the Borough; and
- development of key performance indicators to measure the effectiveness of the initiative.

3.8 Phase 2 of implementation will include the wider determinants of public health and influences on health inequalities. This development will take a 'Life Course' approach and work is therefore taking place across adult social care, health, children and young people's services.

Work has already started on the mapping of service provision and identification of opportunities for the alignment of services and gaps in provision.

Moving forward, work will be progressed on the development of a 'model' for the future delivery of Health Improvement Services across the Borough and further update reports will be provided to the Board on progress.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 On-going work is in line with policy and best practice in relation to health and wellbeing.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified at this stage.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Services provided will impact on all areas of public health in Halton. This will include Breastfeeding, weight management – early years, physical activity, Halton Healthy Schools, Child Health Development and smoking education.

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

It is planned through the developments and activities that there will be a range of

opportunities to help people of all ages learn new skills and participate in volunteering roles.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

By developing services that support some of the most vulnerable parts of our community we can help to raise awareness and support people to manage their own health and lifestyle in the most effective way.

6.4 A Safer Halton

Services are/will be designed to improve community cohesion and to bring together the health needs of the people of Halton. As well as the health benefits it is expected that this should also improve the safety and an improved perception of Halton and its communities.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

No implications identified.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Any risks identified via on-going implementation will be appropriately managed via the Health and Wellbeing Service Steering Board. Board membership consists of representatives from Partner Agencies, voluntary sector and Halton LINK. The Executive Board portfolio holder for Health & Adults is also a member of the Board.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 Services are delivered equitably across Halton. The Public Health agenda fully embraces the needs of a diverse population and develops services in a way that supports the diverse issues that are being faced.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.