

REPORT TO: Health Policy and Performance Board
DATE: 4 June 2013
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Communities
PORTFOLIO: Health; Children, Young People and Families
SUBJECT: Scrutiny Topic 2013/14 : Mental Health
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Board with an update on the mental health scrutiny topic following the report presented to the Board on 5th March 2013.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That:

- i) The focus of the mental health scrutiny review be the joint mapping of mental health prevention services across Children and Adult services; and**
- ii) The development of an intergenerational anti stigma campaign.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 In March 2013 the Board approved the topic brief to review mental health prevention and promotion provision in Halton. Nominated members of the topic group are:

Cllr Ellen Cargill
Cllr Joan Lowe
Cllr Sandra Baker
Cllr Mark Dennett
Cllr Geoff Zygadllo
Cllr Miriam Hodge
Cllr Margaret Horabin
Cllr Pam Wallace
Cllr Geoff Logan
Cllr Kath Loftus

3.2 However discussions at that meeting examined the feasibility of establishing a joint Health / Children, Young People and Families topic group to consider mental health provision across Adult and Children's services including the development of an intergenerational campaign to address discrimination and stigma and promote mental health.

3.3 There are already significant pieces of work being undertaken, in relation to mental health, that fall outside of the proposed scope of this scrutiny review topic. These include: a full review of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) provision, development of an Acute Care Pathway for adults and development of Later Life and Memory Services (LLAMS) as part of the Dementia Strategy. The Board will be kept up to date on these developments.

3.4 It is therefore proposed that the Health PPB topic group, and representatives from the Children, Young People and Families PPB, focus activity on the mapping of mental health prevention and promotion, in addition to the development of a joint intergenerational prevention and promotion campaign.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The Children and Young People's Plan prioritises children and young people's emotional health and the Health and Wellbeing Board has prioritised mental health. The Clinical Commissioning Group also supports this priority.

4.2 The recommendations from the resulting scrutiny review may result in a need to review associated policies and procedures.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified at this time.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Emotional and mental health and wellbeing is a critical factor in supporting children and young people's social development, behaviour and resilience, educational attainment and achievement and life chances. This area of work also supports Halton's focus on Early Health and Support and the priorities within Halton's Children and Young People's Plan.

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

Good emotional and mental health and wellbeing is a vital factor in children and young peoples and adults accessing learning and future employment opportunities.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Emotional and mental health services impact directly upon the

health and wellbeing of children and young people with an identified need or who are at risk of developing a need. Halton's Health and Wellbeing Board have chosen 'prevention and early detection of mental health conditions' as one of their five priorities for action during 2013-2016.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

Those who do not experience good emotional and mental health and wellbeing are more likely to be subject to a range of risk factors that can impact negatively on community safety issues.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None Identified

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 National and local evidence demonstrates that failure to ensure that appropriate services to support emotional and mental health and wellbeing of children and young people is likely to impact negatively on their outcomes and life chances. Failure to provide effective mental health prevention and promotion services across the life course could also result in an increase in the need for specialist services thus leading to potentially increased costs to the Council.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified at this stage.

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

9.1 None identified under the meaning of the Act