

REPORT TO: Health Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 10 September 2013

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Warrington & Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust :
Dementia Friendly Environments

WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide the Board with an update on the Warrington & Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust bid for 'Dementia Friendly Environments' funding from the Department of Health.

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

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 One hundred and sixteen hospitals and care homes have been awarded a share of a £50 million fund from the Department of Health. The money will be used to launch care environment pilot projects designed for the needs of people with dementia.

3.2 Funding was awarded to projects that demonstrated how practical changes to the environment within which people with dementia are treated in will make a tangible improvement to their condition

3.3 The projects will form part of the first national pilot to showcase the best examples of dementia friendly environments across England, to build evidence around the type of physical changes that have the most benefit for dementia patients.

3.4 Warrington & Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust were successful in their bid for Dementia Care Scheme funding. The total value of the funding awarded is **£1,053,322**, which will be used to transform the care environment for patients with dementia in hospital.

3.5 Plans for the funding include a redesign of an existing ward at Warrington Hospital and a new garden area to promote relaxation, stimulation and a calmer environment for patients with dementia.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Good quality care for people with a dementia diagnosis, and their carers, is a

priority of the national and local dementia strategies and Halton's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust will keep the Health Policy and Performance Board informed of financial and other implications as plans are developed and implemented.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

None identified at this time

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

None identified at this time

6.3 A Healthy Halton

Halton residents with dementia who use Warrington Hospital will have access to high quality, safe care in environments designed specifically for their needs.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None identified at this time

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified at this time

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Risk analysis will form part of the planning and implementation of development of plans to utilise this funding.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None identified at this time

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

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.