

REPORT TO: Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board
DATE: 13 March 2007
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Health and Community
SUBJECT: Update on 'Change for the Better' in Halton
WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To receive an update on the implementation of 'Change for the Better' in Halton.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the update be received.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 At its previous meeting on 10 July 2006 the Board considered the consultation on the modernisation and redesign of Mental Health Services for Adults for people in Halton, Knowsley, St Helens and Warrington.

3.2 The Board concluded that under Regulation 4 of the Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002 SI No. 3048 regulations, the proposal was a substantial variation in the provision of mental health services and as such be subject to joint scrutiny by Halton Borough Council (BC), Warrington BC and St. Helens BC.

3.3 In accordance with this a number of joint meetings took place between July and November 2006 and a final meeting has been scheduled for 19 April 2007.

3.4 The attached Appendix 1 gives an update on the successes and achievements to date.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None applicable.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None applicable.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 None applicable.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 None applicable.

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

8.1 Appendix 1 attached.