

**REPORT TO:** Health Policy & Performance Board  
**DATE:** 9 September 2014  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Communities  
**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing  
**SUBJECT:** Critical Review of Integrated Working in Halton  
**WARD(S):** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To provide the Board with details of the on-going evaluation of Halton's integrated approach to Health and Social Care.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board**

- 1. note the contents of the report and associated appendix; and**
- 2. support Halton's integrated approach to the delivery of local Health and Social Care Services.**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Aligned with the 2014/15 NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Halton Borough Council's plans are a number of integrated/aligned schemes all aimed at reducing the need for hospital admission; the overall outcome of which is to improve community services and support people to stay well at home, for longer.

3.2 NHS Halton CCG 5 year strategic plan has been through a number of high level reviews and been closely scrutinised by NHS England (NHSE). The draft plan has recently received support from NHSE and is due for final submission in September 2014.

Outlined within the plan are a number of milestones/targets to reduce non elective activity, reduce A&E activity and reduce the time people stay in hospital. In order to achieve these targets, Halton needs to have an effective integrated approach in place in order to achieve our goals which are supported by a commitment from all partners to align plans, innovation, and resources which are all underpinned by a level of overall trust.

3.3 The key component of this integrated approach is the development

of two Urgent Care Centres in Halton, one in Runcorn and one in Widnes. In addition to being able to assess/treat minor illnesses and injuries, the Centres will be able to provide care to those presenting at the Centres will a range of other conditions, through the development of the necessary competencies of staff teams; the Centres will be staffed by a multidisciplinary, multiagency team of professionals. The centres aim to bring a true alternative to the people of Halton to travelling to attend A&E at Whiston and Warrington Hospitals, therefore reducing the need for expensive out of borough hospital care.

- 3.4 To ensure this approach was credible and achievable we asked Warwick University to undertake a critical review of our approach. Attached at Appendix 1 is a copy of this review. As outlined within the review, the feedback is very clear in that we are way ahead of other areas in our thinking and approach and if we maintain our current direction of travel we are set to deliver everything we have set out in our commissioning intentions.

#### 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None associated with this report.

#### 5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Financial efficiencies will be achieved by implementing the schemes set out in the aligned plans, failure to do so will result in an escalation of current financial pressures.

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

##### 6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Extended paediatric services will be available within the new Urgent Care Centres offering greater choice and local availability to children and young people.

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

Local jobs and improved health education will run alongside the two new Centres.

##### 6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The above offers a host of opportunities of improving health and wellbeing in Halton.

##### 6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

Utilising existing asset and regenerating a modern and sustainable, local alternative to A&E.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None associated with this report. NB. As part of the governance arrangements in place connected to the Urgent Care Centre development a full risk register has been developed and is monitored via the Urgent Care Centre Development Project Board.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None associated with this report.

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

9.1 None identified.