

**REPORT TO:** Safer Policy & Performance Board

**DATE:** 15 September 2015

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Communities & Resources

**SUBJECT:** To share the regional approach by NHS England (Public Health) for New Psychoactive Substances.

**PORTFOLIO:** Community Safety

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To present an overview of the regional approach by NHS England – Public Health in relation to New Psychoactive Substances.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report and presentation be noted.**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Halton Borough Council continues to review the implications of New Psychoactive Substances for Halton residents. A key partner in the work is NHS England- Public Health team (PHE). PHE consider a regional approach and co-ordinate information advice and guidance ensuring all local authorities are supported in tackling health issues.

3.2 A Presentation by NHS England – Public Health Team is attached to the report.

**4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Halton Borough Council continues to monitor the emerging issues of NPS, the council and partners provide harm reduction advice, a training programme, and appropriate information to reduce the impact of NPS within the borough.

**5.0 SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS**

None

**6.0 FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 None.

7.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 None

8.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

8.1 None

9.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

9.1 None identified within this report.

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

None.