

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

**DATE:** 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, People

**PORTFOLIO:** Health & Wellbeing

**SUBJECT:** Transforming Cancer Care - Eastern Sector  
Cancer Hub

**WARD(S):** Borough-wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The attached report sets out proposals to establish a Cancer Hub at St Helens Hospital for Halton, Knowsley, St Helens and Warrington patients to enable the Board to assess whether it considers the proposals to constitute a substantial development or variation in the provision of health services.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:-**

- 2.1 Note the contents of the report and associated appendices;
- 2.2 Consider the proposals to establish a cancer hub for First Outpatient Appointments (FOPA) for common and some intermediate cancers at St Helens hospital; and
- 2.3 Assess whether the proposal is considered a substantial development or variation in the provision of health services.

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Commissioners in NHS Halton, NHS Knowsley, NHS St Helens and NHS Warrington Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and NHS England Specialised Commissioning have undertaken a review of non-surgical cancer care in the local area in line with the National Cancer Transformation Programme.
- 3.2 The review was carried out via a structured evaluation approach following the NHS England Service Change Assurance Process, which has identified the most suitable site for the Hub at St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals.

3.3 The Committee is asked to consider whether the recommendation of Option 1 (Cancer Care Service Hub at St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust) is a substantial variation in service change.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified at this moment in time.

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

5.1 Refer to the report, Appendix 1 Section 3.5.4 Pre-Consultation Business Case.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton** - None identified.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton** - None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton** - This service change will support those suffering with common cancers in the Halton area to receive more efficient and effective services in turn providing better outcomes.

6.4 **A Safer Halton** - None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal** - None identified.

#### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 There are risks outlined in Appendix 1 Section 2.12 Pre-Consultation Business Case within the report. A full risk assessment is not required.

#### **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There is a summary of Equality and Diversity issues in Appendix 1 Section 2.11 Pre- Consultation Business Case within the report.

**9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972** - None identified.