

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board

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PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Presentation on Dental Services in Halton

WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present an update on dental services in the borough of Halton by the lead commissioner (NHS England and NHS Improvement) and by the provider of specialised dental care (to people of all ages), with disabilities and special needs which make it impossible for them to access treatment from an NHS family dentist

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the presentation and its contents

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The presentation is designed to provide Health & Wellbeing Board members with an update from the lead commissioner on the current approach to dental services in Halton, current challenges and developments in response to COVID-19

A local provider of specialist dental services in Halton will then set out its own response and actions taken during the COVID-19 outbreak, and share its emerging work on a new Dental Network strategy, setting out its mission to be person focussed, helping to improve the health & wellbeing of every patient treated. This is being developed to embed the principles and maximise the opportunities of collaboration described in the White Paper.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The NHS Long Term Plan and the White Paper, Integrating Care: Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England published February 2021.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES [\(click here for list of priorities\)](#)

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

Commissioned dental services supports the Council priorities for Children and Young People

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None identified

6.3 A Healthy Halton

Commissioned and provided dental services supports the Councils priorities for a Healthy Halton

6.4 A Safer Halton

None identified

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

None identified

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

Commissioned and planned dental services support equality and diversity and a targeted approach is being undertaken to support the more vulnerable of the population