

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

**DATE:** 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Director of Strategy and Partnerships, Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing

**SUBJECT:** Halton Health Hub

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 Presentation to update the board on the completion of the project to develop an out-of-hospital hub to deliver clinical outpatient services from Runcorn Shopping City and outline the opportunities for future development.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

i) Note the content of the presentation.

## 3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Supporting information to be delivered via a presentation to the Board.

## 4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

## 5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 All capital funding for the project was made available via Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Liverpool City Region Town Centre Fund for Halton Lea.

5.2 Additional revenue funding has been secured from the Trust to offset ongoing revenue requirements of the scheme, and this is supplemented through partner provider contributions.

5.3 There are opportunities for other local services and partners to deliver complementary services from the hub, both on a sessional basis, and through capital investment into phase 3.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

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

Access to health services, in particular paediatric optometry, orthoptics, and dietetic therapies for Children and Young People in Halton has been enhanced since the establishment of the Halton Health Hub, owing to improved transport links and abundant free parking close to the Hub.

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

The Hub continues to attract footfall to the Runcorn Shopping City, and has been featured in presentational material to attract retailers and businesses to locate within the venue.

### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

The project has provided improved access to clinical services, which has reduced requirements for patients to travel out of Borough for healthcare.

There is potential for additional external providers to deliver complementary health and care services from the location.

### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

None.

### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

Alongside the regeneration of up to 1,000m<sup>2</sup> of unutilised retail space, the project has increased footfall into a key town centre asset.

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 The project is governed in line with Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals risk controls. A detailed risk log is available, and mitigations are in place as appropriate.

7.2 The location has been inspected by the Trust's regulator, Care Quality Commission (CQC), ahead of launch to ensure compliance with all relevant legislation.

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 A detailed Equality Impact Analysis (EIA) has been produced to offset any negative impacts where identified. The EIA has been through the appropriate governance processes as per Trust policy. A version of this EIA was appended to the Consultation Outcome Report as required. This has since been updated to reflect the final design of the Halton Health Hub. The most up-to-date version of the EIA is kept on file at the Trust and is available on request.

8.2 The EIA identifies a number of positive outcomes of the development, including reduced requirements for travelling out of Borough, and improved access

including free parking.

**9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None identified.

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

'None under the meaning of the Act.'