

**REPORT TO:** Health Policy & Performance Board  
**DATE:** 28 November 2023  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** NHS Director – Halton Place  
**PORTFOLIO:** Health & Wellbeing  
**SUBJECT:** One Halton Partnership - Update  
**WARD(S):** Borough-wide

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Board with an update on One Halton Partnership.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

*i) That a presentation is received and noted.*

## 3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Throughout the course of the past 18 months, the Health Policy and Performance Board has received update reports and presentations on One Halton Partnership both during and following the establishment of the NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board.

3.2 The Health and Care Bill 2022 became effective on 1 July 2023 and set out new arrangements for Integrated Care Systems (ICS): ICS comprise a number of different elements:

- NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) – this is the statutory NHS body
- Integrated Care Partnership – incorporating major partners including non-NHS organisations
- Place-Based Partnerships – these are not organisations, but collaborative partnership arrangements at Place level
- Provider Collaboratives – these bring together two or more NHS trusts to work together at scale to benefit their populations

These were the most significant changes to the health system in a decade which aim to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities.

3.3 One Halton Partnership Board comprises a wide-range of members including NHS bodies, local authority (including children's, adults, public health services), and non-NHS/non-statutory bodies. This Partnership Board is the vehicle for delivery of national priorities, local priorities and Halton's

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Achieving One Halton's ambitions is the responsibility of all partners working together to achieve a set of shared strategic objectives for Halton Place.

The presentation sets out the context and provides the latest overview of progress.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The original White Paper, *Joining Up Care for People, Places and Populations*, February 2022 set out the future ambition for shared outcomes with shared accountability and a single person accountable at place level. This means that as One Halton Place-Based Partnership further evolves and develops there will be a need to understand the potential impact on policies of all of the partner organisations, including the Council.

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

5.1 One Halton is a partnership arrangement as described above and therefore a collaborative of statutory and non-statutory organisations serving residents and patients within Halton. As One Halton further develops partners will need to understand more fully the resourcing and financial impacts on a collective basis at Place. This work is being progressed with partners.

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

One Halton supports the Council's and the Health and Wellbeing Board priorities for a Healthy Halton.

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

One Halton supports the Council's Health & Wellbeing Board's priority of improving levels of early child development. One of the system thematic priorities is Start Well.

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

One Halton shares the Council's priorities for employment, learning and skills in Halton. One of the system thematic priorities is Wider Determinants which encompasses employment, education and opportunities as priorities.

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

One Halton is a key stakeholder locally supporting the Council & Health and Wellbeing Board's priorities for supporting improved health outcomes and reducing health inequalities for Halton's population.

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

One Halton supports the Council's priorities to create a safer Halton. Health and wellbeing are pivotal characteristics of resilient communities; a whole

system approach to place will intrinsically contribute to building a safer Halton.

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

The NHS reforms to Integrated Care Systems and Place Based Partnerships seek to engender a whole place collaborative approach.

There will be a One Halton work stream around assets to understand the public estate that supports delivery (in the widest sense) in Halton and work towards collaborative planning of the public estate.

It is also imperative to plan appropriately for healthy communities utilising Public Health ensuring an evidence-led approach to meeting the future needs of Halton's population. One Halton will link into future regeneration schemes and developments in the Borough to ensure appropriate planning and system partner involvement. There are recent examples of joint working with the delivery of a Hospital Hub in Shopping City and the development of the Town Deal for Runcorn Old Town.

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 This will require further work to be undertaken when One Halton understands the range of services and activity that will be delivered at scale (Cheshire & Merseyside footprint) and those delegated to place (One Halton) provided by the different partners.

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 In developing One Halton and health delivery moving over to NHS Cheshire & Merseyside, all services will continue to require equality impact assessments for any fundamental changes to service delivery to ensure equality and access to services is considered.

The One Halton Partnership Board and its sub-committees also has membership of Halton's Third Sector organisations and will actively work alongside them to consider equality and diversity issues. Many of Halton's voluntary sector organisations exist to support vulnerable, disadvantaged or disenfranchised cohorts of the community and have a reach often beyond public service delivery

## **9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 This report is for information only, therefore there are no environmental or climate implications as a result of this report.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.