

REPORT TO: Health Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 20th February 2024

REPORTING OFFICER: Director – Halton Place, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside

PORTFOLIO: Adult Social Care

SUBJECT: Utilisation of Mental Health Beds for Halton residents

WARD(S): Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report:

- provides information on the type and number of adult mental health inpatient beds commissioned for Halton patients;
- services commissioned to support patients to safely remain in the community, reducing avoidable admissions, providing better quality and outcomes for local people;
- details utilisation of commissioned beds and any out of area placements;
- key challenges faced in ensuring local people have access to mental health inpatient beds locally when they are required.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

- 1) Note contents of the report and associated presentation; and
- 2) Reviews and comments on the commissioning and use of mental health beds for Halton patients.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Details of commissioned beds and their utilisation, commissioned admission avoidance services and challenges faced in ensuring local people are able to access inpatient mental health beds locally when they need them is set out in the associated presentation.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None identified.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None identified.

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 report and associated presentation is linked directly to this priority.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None identified.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 None associated with this report.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None associated with this report.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None associated with this report.

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

10.1 None under the meaning of the Act.