

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

**DATE:** 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Damian Nolan, Operational Director  
Commissioning and Provision

**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing

**SUBJECT:** Scrutiny Review Topic Brief 2024/2025

**WARD(S)** Borough Wide

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the topic brief for Health Policy and Performance Board (HPPB) 2024/2025 scrutiny review.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) the report be noted; and
- 2) the Board approves the topic brief.

## 3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Annually, as part of the HPPB remit, there is a duty on Members to scrutinise a specific area of focus within health and social care and make recommendations to Executive Board.

3.2 At the February 2024 HPPB meeting it was agreed that 'Community NHS health (non-GP) services' would be the focus of the 2024/2025 scrutiny review.

3.3 The proposed scrutiny topic brief is:  
*Scrutiny of the performance, outcomes and service user feedback relating to urgent and non-urgent community NHS services. Specifically;*

### *Non-urgent services*

- *NHS Community Nursing*
- *Podiatry*
- *Therapy*
- *Musculoskeletal services*

### *Urgent services*

- *Urgent Treatment Centres (Widnes & Runcorn)*
- *Northwest Ambulance Service*
- *Urgent care responses.*

**The topic brief and rational can be found in appendix 1.**

- 3.4 Members of the scrutiny topic group will be nominated by the Chair of the HPPB at the June HPPB meeting, with the first meeting of the group taking place in July 2024.
- 3.5 Prior to the first meeting Members will be issued with a background paper to provide context to the topic area.
- 3.6 Meetings will take place monthly and provide opportunity for Members to be presented with information relating to the areas covered in the topic brief and scrutinise service delivery, emerging issues and opportunities in order to develop a set of recommendations for presentation at the February 2025 HPPB meeting. These recommendations, once approved by HPPB, will be presented to Executive Board.

#### 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Any policy implications arising from the recommendations of the Scrutiny Topic Group will be presented to HPPB and Executive Board and considered in line with existing process.

#### 5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Any financial implications arising from the recommendations of the Scrutiny Topic Group will be presented to HPPB and Executive Board and considered in line with existing process.

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

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

None.

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

None.

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

A greater understanding of the NHS community-based services, listed above, and the opportunities and challenges that can impact on outcomes they achieve, may lead to recommendations impacting on local health and social care policy, service development and service delivery.

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

None.

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

None.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None identified at this time.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified at this time.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None identified at this time

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

Health Policy and Performance Board Report February 2024, in which reference to the proposed 2024/25 scrutiny topic brief was made.