

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

DATE: 9 October 2024

REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Strategy and Partnerships (WHH)
on behalf of WHH and Bridgewater

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Warrington and Halton Integration Programme

WARD(S) Borough wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to provide some background information for the presentation on the Warrington and Halton Integration Programme.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the contents of the report.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Our System is not clinically and financially sustainable and we must significantly improve our use of resources. All parties have recognised the sub-optimal working that exists, caused by silo working, fragmentation, and lack of co-ordination. Evidence demonstrates that alignment of management of the system is necessary to effectively address and optimise the use of resources and outcomes for patients and staff.

3.2 We have identified significant opportunities to improve things for both our patients and staff working at the front line and are launching a programme of work to deliver integrated and collaborative models of care between Warrington and Halton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Bridgewater Community NHS Foundation Trust.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The integration programme will support delivery of the health and wellbeing strategy.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 A £5m savings target associated with the integration programme has been set by the Integrated Care Board.

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

6.1 **Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence**

Integration aims to improve the health of Halton residents.

6.2 **Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy**

None identified.

6.3 **Supporting Children, Young People and Families**

Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People is a key priority in Halton. Integration should support achievement of this priority.

6.4 **Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need**

Integration supports these priorities

6.5 **Working Towards a Greener Future**

None identified.

6.6 **Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community**

Integration supports these priorities

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 We recognise the potential risks associated with these plans, in terms of staff anxiety and the potential for cumbersome governance. The overriding aim of delivery of a sustainable system for patients and staff will require focus and leadership to mitigate risks and take people with us.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 Equality and diversity will be a key consideration in any service changes that arise through the integration programme.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None

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

10.1 None under the meaning of the Act.