



Cheshire and Merseyside

UPDATES

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One Halton Partnership

One Halton Partnership comprises a wide range of members including:

- NHS Primary Care (general practices, dental practices, pharmacies, opticians)
- Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
- Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust
- Halton Borough Council (including children's, adults, public health services)
- Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCSFE) sector
- Halton Housing
- Halton Healthwatch.

The One Halton Partnership is the **vehicle for delivery of national priorities, local priorities and the vision set out in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy within Halton**. Achieving One Halton's ambitions is the **shared responsibility of all partners working together** to achieve a set of strategic objectives for Halton's residents.

Our shared ambition is ***"to improve the health and wellbeing of the population of Halton by empowering and supporting local people from the start to the end of their lives by preventing ill health, promoting self-care and independence, arranging local, community-based support and ensuring high quality services for those who need them."***

To support delivery of this ambition, local health, care, and other services are working together, as equal partners, to support **seamless, person-centred care and tackle health inequalities** by improving the lives of the poorest fastest.

One Halton Strategic Priorities

One Halton Strategic Priorities are driven by the vision and ambitions set out in the **Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy** agreed in October 2022.

These are:

- 1. Wider Determinants of Health:** Improve the employment opportunities for the people of Halton, in particular, where it affects children and families.
- 2. Starting Well:** Enabling children and families to live healthy independent lives.
- 3. Living Well:** Provide a supportive environment where systems work efficiently and support everyone to live their best life.
- 4. Ageing Well:** Enabling older adults to live full independent healthy lives.

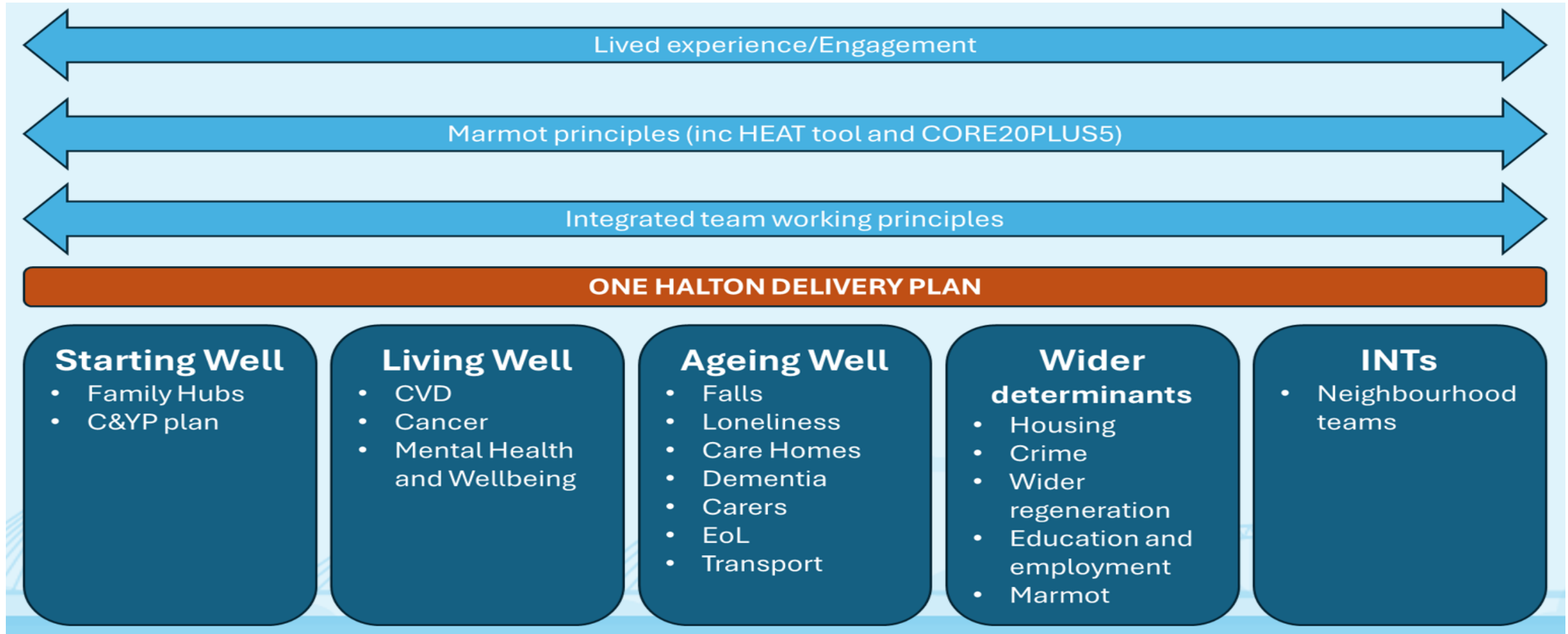
One Halton Programmes

Through our One Halton programmes and an additional range of “business as usual activities” being progressed by all partners, we are progressing One Halton’s strategic priorities. However, we recognise that there is much more to do and we will continue to work together to improve the lives of the people living in Halton.

Our programmes of work include:

- 1. Starting Well** – To enable Children and Families to live Healthy Independent Lives with the goal of more financially stable, informed and supported families with children who have better health outcomes.
- 2. Living Well – Cardiovascular Disease; Cancer; Mental Health and Wellbeing Programmes:** To support early diagnosis and timely access to screening programmes and treatment.
- 3. Ageing Well – Care Homes; Dementia; Falls Reduction; Reducing Loneliness and Isolation; End of Life care:** The various programmes will enable and support older adults to live full and independent lives.
- 4. Wider Determinants – Economic regeneration; Employment, workforce, and Education, Improving Living Conditions:** The programmes seek to improve the employment opportunities for the people of Halton in particular where it affects children and families.

One Halton Delivery Plan



Specific work projects are being progressed against the delivery plan.
Future progress updates will be provided against each element.

ICB @ Halton Place Update

Examples of
ICB @ Halton Place
“Business as Usual”

projects which also support One Halton ambitions

ICB @ Halton Place – Business As Usual Progress

In addition to the One Halton Partnership programmes, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB @ Halton also has a range of “**business as usual**” work programmes some of which are highlighted as examples below and **which support the ambition and aims of One Halton**.

- 1. General Practice Services:** Halton Place has a Primary Care Capacity and Access Improvement Plan for general practice. This sets out the ambition to improve access to general practice services in Halton and is aligned to the NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ambition and the national ambition. General practices in Halton typically deliver more than 55,000+ appointments each month for Halton’s population (c130,000 people).
- 2. Dental Services:** NHS Cheshire and Merseyside has an ambitious Dental Improvement Plan for 2024/25. This will build upon the current programmes in place and align to the delivery of the national dental recovery plan - *Our plan to recover and reform NHS dentistry published on 4 February 2024*. Our Cheshire and Merseyside Dental Improvement Plan 2024-2026, published in May 2024, builds on the national Dental Reform Plan via a range of additional, local dental improvement actions, backed by a multi-million pound increase in funding this year with a focus on improving access to urgent and routine care.
- 3. Pharmacy Services:** Patients in Cheshire and Merseyside (including Halton) are now able to get treatment for seven common conditions through their high street pharmacy from January 2024, as part of a major transformation in the way the NHS delivers care. The Pharmacy First service is well-utilised in Halton. Highly trained pharmacists can assess and treat patients for each of the following conditions, without the need for a GP appointment or prescription first:
 - sinusitis
 - sore throat
 - earache
 - infected insect bite
 - impetigo
 - shingles
 - uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women

The Pharmacy First service is available to patients on referral by their GP practice, NHS 111, and NHS Walk-in Centres/Urgent Treatment Centres – as well as by contacting their pharmacy directly.

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- 4. Urgent and Emergency Care:** A major programme of work is underway across Halton Place relating to urgent and emergency care improvement. This work includes all system partners: the hospitals; the community trust; mental health; local authority social care, primary care, and other partners to help avoid people needing to go to hospital, but when they do care for them in a way that means they do not need to be admitted to hospital unnecessarily, provide enhanced community responses, improve hospital flow and to enable more timely discharges from hospital.
- 5. Cancer:** A range of projects for Halton are undertaken under the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance programme including, for example: prevention and early detection, faster diagnosis, personalised care for all people with cancer, and access to screening programmes. Across Cheshire and Merseyside, we have seen improved rates of cancer diagnosis. To the end of March 2024, 76% of people had a cancer diagnosis confirmed or ruled out within 28 days of referral (better than the national average). In part, this was due to the opening of additional Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs) including one in Halton. We have also seen improvements in early detection rates over the last five years.
- 6. Children's Services:** There is a range of work being undertaken to improve children's services. For children and young people, we are working to implement a standardised pathway/model of care for neurodiversity (primarily ADHD and autism) that focuses on need and earlier access to support. Within Halton, a number of Family Hubs have now been established. The aim of the hubs is to join up and enhance the range of services delivered through the family hubs across Halton, ensuring all parents and carers can access the support they need when they need it. These hubs provide support to parents and carers so they are able to nurture their babies and children, improving health and education outcomes for all.
- 7. Women's Health Hub:** Work is underway in Halton to establish a Women's Health Hub in Halton working in partnership with local stakeholders and across the wider Cheshire and Merseyside network to reduce fragmentation and enhance access to services.
- 8. Living Well Bus:** Halton has continued to maximise the use of a roving health service in the borough in 2023-24 and into 2024-2025 working with Halton Borough Council's Public Health Team. This is delivered by Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Trust, incorporating flu vaccines into the services provided.

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- 9. Community Engagement: Local Young People Supporting Health Research:** A key part of the One Halton approach is the involvement of local people and community organisations. An example is the work currently taking place with Power In Partnership (PIP) - a local not-for-profit organisation that supports young adults with their education and employment. PIP have teamed up with The National Institute of Health Research (NIHR), Halton Public Health Team and Cheshire & Merseyside NHS, to support local young people to become Community Research Champions. As part of NIHR's Research Ready Communities Project, young people have begun to research health topics that interest them such as diabetes and mental health. They've also been out and about on 'Kitty' the research bus, engaging with local people and encouraging people to get their blood pressure checks. The Champions have become Community Connectors, supporting the work of One Halton in a range of ways.