

REPORT TO: Health and Social Care Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 10th February 2026

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PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Warrington and Halton teaching Hospitals NHSFT (WHH) and Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS FT (Bridgewater) Integration Update

WARD(S): Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The attached presentation provides an update on the integration of WHH and Bridgewater.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

- 1) Note the contents of the report, business case and associated presentation.

3.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are currently no policy implications for Halton Borough Council directly related to the integration of WHH and Bridgewater.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are currently no financial implications for Halton Borough Council directly related to the integration of WHH and BCH. The integration is essential to enabling the delivery of financially sustainable healthcare services for the Borough and financial benefits are detailed in the attached presentation.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 5.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence

Our integration supports delivery of this priority, as described in detail in the full business case.

- 5.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy

Our integration enables delivery of sustainable healthcare services in Warrington and Halton.

5.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families

Our integration supports delivery of this priority, as described in detail in the full business case.

5.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need

Our integration supports delivery of this priority, as described in detail in the full business case.

5.5 Working Towards a Greener Future

Our integration supports delivery of this priority.

5.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

Our integration supports delivery of this priority.

6.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

6.1 The benefits of our integration far outweigh the risks, both are described in detail in the full business case.

7.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

7.1 A full Equality Impact Assessment has been completed.

8.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 A document assessing climate change implications has been completed and submitted to NHSE. There are no negative implications.

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

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.