

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 15 October 2009

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Health & Community

SUBJECT: Older People’s Commissioning Strategy 2009-2014

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present to Members of the Executive Board, the Draft Older People’s Commissioning Strategy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That: the Executive Board comment and approve the Strategy.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The new Older People’s Commissioning Strategy attached at Appendix 1 builds on a previous strategy which was approved in 2004. This new strategy aims to bring the plans for older people’s services up to date and clearly identify the commissioning priorities for the next five years.

3.2 The commissioning strategy is important for a number of reasons, it provides a commissioning context, identifies outcomes and priorities as well as key actions for the next 5 years.

3.3 A series of consultation events have already been undertaken with a range of commissioning staff, Voluntary Sector representatives, Independent Providers and service users and carers. The Council’s Health Policy and Performance Board have also scrutinised the Strategy. In addition to these events a number of one-to-one meetings were carried out to ensure that a wide range of views were covered. The main themes of the commissioning strategy reflect the consultation that was completed.

3.4 The Older People’s Commissioning Strategy complements a range of other policy documents both Nationally and locally to help shape services. This strategy aims to improve the commissioning cycle within older people’s services to help address and improve the key areas identified in the strategy.

4.0 THE LOCAL CONTEXT

4.1 Halton’s population aged 65 and over is set to grow at a rapid rate over the next 10-15 years. In general terms, this is because of improvements in mortality. The table below highlights the projections.

	2008	2010	2015	2020	2025
People aged 65-69	5,200	5,400	7,300	7,000	7,100
People aged 70-74	4,300	4,500	4,900	6,600	6,400
People aged 75 – 79	3,300	3,400	3,700	4,100	5,700
People aged 80 – 84	2,200	2,300	2,500	2,900	3,200
People aged 85 and over	1,800	1,800	2,100	2,500	3,100
Total Population 65 and over	16,800	17,400	20,500	23,100	25,500

4.2 A thorough needs analysis has been undertaken as part of the Commissioning Strategy and it is clear that strategies need to be in place to address a range of mental health, major illness and quality of life issues.

4.3 The Council has already considered a range of strategies to address some of these areas, including Extra Care Housing and Reablement Services. This Commissioning Strategy brings together the different strands into one coherent document.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The White Paper “Our Health, Our Care, Our Say” published in January 2006, sets out the reforms intended to develop modern and convenient health and social care services. The White Paper acknowledges the importance of joint commissioning and ensuring quality research, data and evidence to effectively procure the right services to meet the needs of an individual.

5.2 The National Dementia Strategy “Living Well with Dementia” was published in February 2009 and the aim of the Strategy is to ensure that significant improvements are made to dementia services across three key areas: improved awareness, earlier diagnosis and intervention, and a higher quality of care. The strategy identifies 17 key objectives which, when implemented, largely at a local level, should result in significant improvements in the quality of services provided to people with dementia and should promote a greater understanding of the causes and consequences of dementia.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This is a joint Commissioning Strategy with NHS Halton & St. Helens. Funding for the main major illness areas will be supported through the PCT and the remaining areas contained within existing budget allocations set by the Council and the PCT.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL’S PRIORITIES

7.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

None

7.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

Within a number of the commissioning areas the targets for services will be linked to supporting vulnerable service users to access education, training and employment opportunities. This has been identified as a Local Area Agreement target (NI150) within Mental Health and is also an important part of stroke rehabilitation.

7.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Each of the service areas covered in the strategy is expected to clearly demonstrate a positive impact on the health and well-being of service users in Halton. This includes performance towards healthier lifestyles, better access, improved accommodation, dignity and improved mental health outcomes.

7.4 **A Safer Halton**

Contracts within this report will be able to support specific Local Area Agreement targets linked to information provision, satisfaction with services and overall perception of the area that they reside.

7.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None

8.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

8.1 This strategy outlines the key risks and issues that commissioning faces in the next five years. If these areas are not addressed then the risk to health inequalities, economic burden, strain on frontline health and social care services would be extreme. The strategy sets out in the quality of life section a continuing shift toward improved lifestyle and an increase in preventative service provision.

9.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

9.1 The Older People's Commissioning Strategy addresses issues of equality and diversity for a range of service users. It ensures that access to services is not restricted because of age, mental health and well-being, limiting illness. It also considers alternative and diverse methods to address the needs of older people in Halton. Two key messages from the strategy relate to maintaining the dignity of all people accessing services and ensuring that nobody is

discriminated on the grounds of age.

10.0 REASON(S) FOR DECISION

To adopt a new Older People's Commissioning Strategy for the Borough covering the next five years.

11.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The strategy clearly identifies the priorities that need to be considered in relation to Older People's commissioning in the next five years. Some areas of service were not considered, however this was because they were being addressed within other linked strategies e.g. Carers strategy etc.

12.0 IMPLEMENTATION DATE

With immediate effect.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Older People's Commissioning Strategy 2004-08	Runcorn Town Hall	Strategic Director, Health & Community
Extra Care Housing Strategy – Executive Board report 24/09/09	Municipal Building	Strategic Director, Health & Community