

WIRRAL COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES

NHS WHITE PAPER - LIBERATING THE NHS

Executive Summary

This report introduces a presentation to be made to the Committee regarding NHS White Paper - 'Liberating the NHS'.

1 NHS White Paper

1.1 The NHS White paper published in summer 2010 heralds a fundamental change to the way health services are organised across the UK. The Implications for Wirral could be far reaching and guidance continues to be issued by the Department of Health.

1.2 A presentation will be made to the Committee on the strategic issues announced in the White Paper and the latest guidance on how these will be implemented locally. Key issues that are brought to the Committee's attention include:

- (a) Independent NHS Commissioning Board
- (b) General Practitioner commissioning consortia
- (c) A new Public Health Service
- (d) Community Services to be separated from NHS Wirral
- (e) The move to Foundation Trust
- (f) The Council's role in joining up local NHS services, social care and health improvement

2 Financial Implications

2.1 Whilst there are no specific financial implications arising from the report, the way local health and social care services are organised in the future will have far reaching financial impact.

3 Staffing Implications

3.1 There are no immediate staffing implications arising from this report. However the long term impact of changes in the way Council and Health services are organised in Wirral could have major implications for the workforce which is currently the major source of employment in the Borough.

4 Equal Opportunities Implications/Health Impact Assessment

4.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

5 Community Safety Implications

5.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

6 Local Agenda 21 Implications

6.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

7 Planning Implications

7.1 There are no specific planning implications arising from this report.

8 Anti Poverty Implications

8.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

9 Social inclusion Implications

9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

10 Local Member Support Implications

10.1 There are no local member support implications arising from this report.

11 Health Implications

11.1 The way health and social care is arranged will have major implications for health of people in Wirral. These implications will feature in further reports to this and other Committees as proposals become clearer.

12 Background Papers

12.1 None.

13 Recommendations

13.1 That the Committee note the report and receive the presentation.

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