

WIRRAL COUNCIL

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

MANAGING THE BUDGET ACROSS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Executive Summary

This report introduces a presentation to be made to the Committee regarding the financial pressures facing the NHS and the Council. It sets out how, at a strategic level, the organisations are collaborating to deliver improved outcomes for local people and reduce inequalities whilst facing significant reductions in available resources.

1 Working Together

- 1.1 The presentation will confirm the Council's, and the NHS commitment to working together which is reflected in the Local Area Agreement. Key issues to be addressed by the seven workstreams across the health and social care economy include:-
- (a) Too many avoidable admissions to hospital
 - (b) Longer stays in hospital than is necessary
 - (c) High numbers of people supported in residential and nursing home care

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 specific 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 Wirral.

4 Equal Opportunities implications/Health Impact Assessment

- 4.1 Reducing health inequalities within limited resources is the major driver for the health and social care economy.

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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