

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

DATE: **THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2012**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

SUBJECT: **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD (BCUHB) REVIEW**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 This report outlines a suggested formal response to the consultation on proposed health service changes in North Wales, for Council to consider, with a clear focus on how it affects Flintshire residents.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 BCUHB are consulting on a range of proposals to change service in North Wales. The consultation period is from the 20th August 2012 to 28th October 2012 during which time representatives of BCUHB have held nine consultation sessions in Flintshire for the public, three in Connah's Quay, three in Flint and three in Mold. Due to the strong concerns of Members of the Council, BCUHB were requested to attend a special session of Social and Health Care Overview and Scrutiny committee.

2.02 There was a Flintshire County Council officer present at all 9 Flintshire consultations sessions, to ensure the views of the public were comprehensively recorded, to inform this response. A summary of these comments is included in Appendix 2.

2.03 The key areas for consultation are:-

- Older People's Mental Health Services
- Neonatal Intensive Care
- Vascular and Major Arterial Services
- HealthCare Services where you live (Localities and Community Services)

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The suggested Flintshire County Council response will be set out in Appendix 1, which is not included in the papers, due to the lateness of the further information received from BCUHB.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.01 That Council considers the draft response set out in Appendix 1 and grants delegated authority to the Chief Executive and Director of Community Services, following consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Services to make amendments, to take account of Member's views and then submit it as the formal response to the consultation.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.01 Based on the information available, the detailed implications of the proposals on the Council's budget are difficult to determine.

6.00 ANTI-POVERTY IMPACT

- 6.01 Not applicable to Flintshire County Council

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 7.01 Not applicable to Flintshire County Council, although the proposals could generate further travel.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 8.01 BCUHB will be undertaking an Equality Impact Assessment.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.01 Not applicable to Flintshire County Council

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

- 10.01 Not applicable to Flintshire County Council

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

- 11.01 Extensive consultation has taken place including meetings with senior officers at BCUHB and attendance at all Locality Consultation Events. The views of individual Members and the collective view of the Special Scrutiny on the 19th September 2012 also informed the response.

12.00 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Flintshire County Council's response to the BCUHB Review (to be sent out prior to the meeting).
Appendix 2 – Consultation Events in Flintshire – Summary of Issues
Appendix 3 – Briefing Paper for Flintshire LA – October 2012
Appendix 4 – Supplementary Briefing Paper - Revenue Implications of Proposals related to Community, Localities and Older People's Mental Health

Appendix 5 – Supplementary Briefing Paper – Minor Injuries Units
Appendix 6 – Special Scrutiny – Healthcare in North Wales is Changing
190912 – Response to written questions
Appendix 7 – Special Scrutiny of Social and Health Overview &
Scrutiny Committee 190912 – Questions raised by Members during the
meeting
Appendix 8 – Letter from BCUHB to Carl Longland

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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