

Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

Monday, 14 September 2020

10.00 am

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John Tradewell
Director of Corporate Services
4 September 2020

A G E N D A

PART ONE

1. **Apologies**
2. **Quorum**

To verify the meeting is quorate (six Members required)
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Minutes of meeting held on 10 August 2020** (Pages 1 - 8)
5. **Winter Plans 2020/21 and the Impact of the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic**

Joint report/presentation of Staffordshire Secondary Care NHS Providers, Clinical Commissioning Groups and Staffordshire County Council
6. **NHS Hearing Aid Provision in Staffordshire**

Report/presentation of Accountable Officer, Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups
7. **District/Borough Health Scrutiny Activity** (Pages 9 - 12)

Reports/oral reports of District/Borough Councils' Representatives
8. **Work Programme 2020/21** (Pages 13 - 18)

Report of Scrutiny and Support Manager

9. **Date of Next Meeting - Monday 26 October 2020 at 10.00 am, Virtual/on-line**
10. **Exclusion of the Public**

The Chairman to move:-

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs Part 1 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) indicated below.

PART TWO

(all reports in this section are Exempt)

Nil

Membership

Charlotte Atkins	Barbara Hughes
Philip Atkins, OBE	Janet Johnson
Adam Clarke	Dave Jones
Tina Clements	David Leytham
Janet Eagland	Paul Northcott (Vice-Chairman)
Ann Edgeller	Kath Perry, MBE
Richard Ford	Jeremy Pert (Chairman)
Maureen Freeman	Bernard Peters
Phil Hewitt	Ross Ward
Jill Hood	Ian Wilkes

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Minutes of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee Meeting held on 10 August 2020

Present: Jeremy Pert (Chairman)

Attendance	
Philip Atkins, OBE	Phil Hewitt
Adam Clarke	Jill Hood
Tina Clements	Barbara Hughes
Janet Eagland	Paul Northcott (Vice-Chairman)
Ann Edgeller	Kath Perry, MBE
Richard Ford	Bernard Peters
Maureen Freeman	

Apologies: Charlotte Atkins, Julie Cooper, Janet Johnson, Dave Jones, David Leytham, Ross Ward and Ian Wilkes

PART ONE

14. Quorum

The Chairman verified that the meeting was quorate.

15. Declarations of Interest

Mr. Barnard Peters declared an interest in all matters included on the Agenda as they related to University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust owing to his appointment on the Council of Governors.

16. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2020

That, subject to (i) the list of attendances being amended to include the name of Mrs. Barbara Hughes; (ii) Dr. Olubukola (Buki) Adeyemo being recorded as a representative of North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust and not Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and; (iii) Minute No. 10 paragraph 10 (x) being amended to:-

“suicide rates in the County were currently at levels similar to those experienced prior to the Pandemic. Measures to prevent suicide and self-harming had been given a greater priority by central government and Staffordshire had been involved in piloting a new model of care which was now being rolled-out nationally;”,

the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

17. Membership Changes following Annual Council Meeting

The Chairman highlighted the changes made to the Committee's membership following the Annual meeting of the County Council on 23 July 2020.

In addition, Mr. John Cooper, the County Councillor for Newcastle – Bradwell County Electoral Division would be invited to attend future meetings of the Committee as an observer. Mr. Cooper had been co-opted onto Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee from the County Council in order to provide a communication and co-ordination link between the two Authorities on matters of health.

18. Backlog of Hospital Appointments arising from the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic

The Committee considered a joint PowerPoint presentation/report (slides attached at Appendix A to the signed minutes) by the Chief Executive of University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM), Chief Executive Officer of University Hospitals of Burton and Derby NHS Foundation Trust (UHDB), Chief Executive of Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT) and Accountable Officer, Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) the backlog of hospital appointments arising from the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic in Staffordshire.

Tracy Bullock (Chief Executive) and Paul Bytheway (Chief Operating Officer) from UHNM were present at the meeting.

Duncan Bedford (Executive Managing Director) and Sharon Martin (Executive Chief Operating Officer) from UHDB were present at the meeting.

Gwen Nuttall (Chief Operating Officer) from Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust was present at the meeting.

Lynn Millar (Director of Primary Care) and Marcus Warnes (Accountable Officer) from Staffordshire CCGs were present at the meeting.

Mary Porter (Lead, Child Health Information Service) from NHS England was present at the meeting.

Jennie Collier (Managing Director, Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Care Group) and Sue Garland (Service Manager, Universal and School Aged Immunisation Service) from Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust was present at the meeting.

The outbreak of the virus had placed huge pressure on the NHS both in terms of resources and maintaining the delivery of essential services whilst complying with guidance on social distancing and infection control. Members had previously expressed concern regarding the impact of the pandemic on Primary and Secondary Care in specific areas including:- (i) Cancer emergency two week wait backlog (including investigations and endoscopy); (ii) Chemotherapy, Radiotherapy and Surgery backlog for existing Cancer patients in treatment at the time of lockdown; (iii) Routine surgery backlog particularly in orthopaedics (hips and knees); (iv) Cataract surgery backlog; (v) Cancer screening backlog including Breast Cervix and colorectal; (vi) Childhood

immunisation programme; (vii) Coronary bypass and angioplasty backlog; (viii) Routine out-patient review backlog; (xi) Chronic disease management review backlog and; (x) Primary care capacity. Therefore, the Committee invited the various representatives of Health to outline their performance in the above-mentioned areas since lockdown and explain the steps they were taking to address areas of particular concern/backlogs and restore the proper functioning of services as necessary.

The Committee were provided with comprehensive background statistical and graphical information from the Trusts/CCGs in advance of the meeting (Appendix A) which also gave context and set out the measures taken following the imposition of lockdown in March 2020. A co-ordinated presentation was then given by Tracy Bullock on behalf of all three Acute Trusts and Staffordshire CCGs during which she outlined:- (i) background and Department of Health and national NHS response to the pandemic; (ii) the six priorities contained in Trusts' Long-Term Plans which had been accelerated owing to the effect of the pandemic; (iii) measures included in 'Phase 3' (requirement for recovery of services to March 2021) of the emergency; (iv) the whole system approach being adopted towards the recovery at national, regional and sub-regional levels; (v) the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on key services together with further headline statistics eg 50% reduction in type 3 and 5 urgent care activity and 55-63% reduction in delivery of outpatient first appointments; (vi) key risks and challenges associated with restoration and recovery; (v) Trusts' restoration strategies; (vi) the extra support being provided to the NHS's workforce during the pandemic and; (v) strategic challenges presented by the Covid-19 in the medium and long terms.

Members then gave detailed scrutiny to the information received from the Trusts and CCGs holding them to account for their responses to the crisis to date, seeking clarification and asking questions where necessary. With regard to the use of buildings, Health explained that services were being spread across sites in order to make best use of resources and facilitate recovery whilst adhering to social distancing guidelines. Many staff had retrained to enable them to provide resilience in areas other than their usual placements and representatives of UHDB gave the example of orthopaedic theatre nurses working on wards. In addition, they were looking to re-open their community sites which had been closed during lockdown, under their recovery plans.

The representative of MPFT acknowledged that managing their estate during lockdown had presented a significant challenge for the Trust. However, they had sought to maximise home visits where appropriate and cited dementia assessments as an example. The Chief Executive of UHNM spoke for Health when she said that they recognised that the disruption to services during the pandemic was inconvenient and stressful for many patients but home visits helped to keep waiting times for appointments to a minimum in the circumstances.

In response to concerns expressed by a Member regarding support available for key health workers during the pandemic, the Chief Executive from UHNM explained that her Trust maintained close links with local mental health trusts in order to provide specialist care/advice where necessary. In addition, various wellbeing initiatives had been undertaken internally to ensure that clinicians and administrative/managerial staff were properly cared for in order to maintain services where possible. However, whilst risk assessments were routinely undertaken for vulnerable staff, a disproportionate number had been directly affected by the virus and its wider consequences. Continuing she

confirmed that staff were being given the opportunity to work from home where possible. These arrangements would continue until social distancing guidelines had been lifted. The CCGs Accountable officer added that most staff within his organisations had been instructed to work from home during lockdown with few exceptions. Consequently, their sickness absence rate had declined enabling greater organisational and service efficiencies to be made.

The representatives of CCGs also outlined the pro-active measures being undertaken to engage with Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities in respect of Covid-19 and seasonal flu vaccinations (which had been maintained during lockdown). Specific plans had been made in respect of these groups and local teams were working closely with community representatives. A representative of UHDB added that the Trust's BAME Working Group (chaired by their Chief Executive Officer) had established good working relationships with the local South Asian community who had been disproportionately affected by the virus.

The Member went on to raise further concerns about those with Type 1 and 2 Diabetes and the need to give special re-assurance and advice to people in these and other high-risk groups.

In response to a question from another Member, a representative of MPFT spoke of the significant impact the virus had had on the School Aged Immunisation Programme in the County. However, whilst the programme had been suspended during lockdown owing to the closure of many schools, the Trust were making great efforts to restore the service during the recovery phase including identification of suitable third-party venues where vaccinations could be undertaken. However, notwithstanding these efforts, the service were not expecting to have fully caught up with the backlog until approximately August 2021/at the end of the recovery period.

A Member expressed his thanks and paid tribute to the work of the Trusts and CCGs during the 2020 covid-19 pandemic and said that he was re-assured by some of the information he had received during the meeting. He referred to the County Council's Communications (Comms) Team and the local knowledge they had acquired which might be useful to the NHS in their health promotion work. In reply, UHNM's Chief Executive confirmed that they had previously worked closely with Comms Leads at many local authorities and would have regard to Staffordshire's, in the future, as necessary. The CCG's Accountable Officer agreed that joint working with the County Council had assisted in tackling the local Covid-19 spike which had recently occurred in Stone. The Director of Health and Care added that the Authority's Communications Programme in respect of seasonal flu had been brought forward and meetings already held with NHS England regarding extending coverage of the scheme to include over 50s and year 7 pupils.

A Member expressed serious concern about recent press reports regarding suspension of services to cancer patients. He therefore asked health how these critical services would be re-instated as soon as possible and referred to the anxiety caused to patients and their families by extended delays in receiving appointments. In response the representatives of all Trusts confirmed that services to cancer patients remained a high priority although many challenges were being experienced system wide. However, all cancer patients had been contacted in some way during lockdown and those who had

received a clear diagnosis had been dealt with appropriately. Performance data in respect of waiting times from referral to diagnosis during July 2020 was expected to be published in the near future and would be shared with the Committee, as necessary. The representative of RWT explained that her Trust had been using their Cannock Hospital site for endoscopy procedures during lockdown which had provided an additional diagnosis stream. However, the longest waits were currently being experienced in their neurology department. Therefore, the Trust were undertaking training of an additional consultant in the use of robotic surgery which would help to reduce this backlog. The representatives of UHDB added that whilst performance against cancer wait targets had been good pre-Covid, unfortunately, this had declined since lockdown. However, the situation was improving following implementation of the restoration and recovery phase. With regard to two-week referrals, the number of patients seen by their Trust had declined since March although this was now starting to improve.

In response to a request for further clarification from another Member regarding patients who failed to attend appointments at clinics and the alternative measures being implemented to contact them, the representatives of CCGs cited their good record in embedding digital solutions within general practice surgeries. 95% of all Staffordshire general practice (GP) surgeries had held online patient consultations during lockdown with the aid of Personal Computers supplied by the CCGs. However, whilst access to GPs had been maintained, Health were anxious to return to face to face appointments where necessary. It was hoped that some of the lessons learned during the pandemic could be utilised to provide flexible access to GPs in the future. The representatives from UHDB added that whilst consultants at their Trust were gradually gaining confidence in the use of virtual technology, face to face appointments continued to be held where possible. In addition, the spoke of the joint working they had undertaken with GP leads in order to provide outpatient follow-up appointments and hoped that the positive consequences of the pandemic in the area of virtual technology could be sustained once the national crisis had passed. The representatives of UHDB highlighted the particular challenges they had encountered with holding consultations by telephone owing to the high numbers of residents with only a limited use of English, in the locality. However, the feedback they had received from patients during this time had been encouraging and they were confident services continued to improve.

Members stressed the importance of services to elderly residents during this time and reminded Health to have careful regard to the needs of this group.

Discussion then turned to the planning/logistics being undertaken by Health in advance of a Covid-19 vaccine being made available. A Member highlighted the County Council's Covid-19 Support Fund which could be used to help mobilize communities in due course.

The Chairman then thanked all the representatives of Health for their attendance, an interesting and informative presentation and the opportunity to provide constructive scrutiny for the benefit of residents of the County.

RESOLVED – (a) That the joint report/presentation be received and noted.

(b) That the impact of the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic on the backlog of hospital appointments be monitored closely and that further scrutiny of health Partners be undertaken at the appropriate time, as necessary.

19. Work Programme 2020/21

The Committee considered a rolling Work Programme for 2020/21 (Appendix B to the signed minutes).

During their discussion Members cited the following issues/topics for scrutiny at future meetings:- (i) Community First Responders – update from West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust; (ii) Focus on Young and Older People; (iii) Support and Joint Working between Public Health and the NHS; (iv) Focus on Mental Health; (v) Focus on Diabetes; (vi) National and Local Social Care Green Papers and; (vii) Backlog of Hospital Appointments arising from the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic – Update from Staffordshire Secondary Care Providers and Clinical Commissioning Groups.

The Chairman sought authority from the Committee to consider their Work Programme in greater detail at an informal meeting with the two Vice-Chairmen of the Committee, make proposals and report back to their next meeting, as appropriate. He emphasised the need for flexibility in the Programme in order to take account of matters raised at short notice arising from the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic.

RESOLVED – (a) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman consider their 2020/21 Work Programme in detail at an informal meeting to be arranged.

(b) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman have regard to the above-mentioned suggested issues/topics for scrutiny at their informal meeting referred to in (a) above.

(c) That the updated Work Programme 2020/21 be brought their next meeting for approval.

20. District and Borough Health Scrutiny Activity

The Chairman invited the District/Borough Council representatives present to make oral reports of the health scrutiny activity which they had undertaken, since their previous meeting, in line with the Code of Joint Working Arrangements – Health.

The representatives of Stafford Borough and Staffordshire Moorlands District Councils said that their respective Committees/Panels had not met since the previous update reports were considered. Whilst the representative of Cannock Chase District Council said that her Authority's Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee had not met again since the previous report, the Authority's Corporate Review Scrutiny Committee had temporarily

assumed responsibility for health matters during the current Covid-19 pandemic. She had also attended a weekly virtual meeting of the Authority's Corporate Management Team and Group Leaders at which they had allocated additional funding in support of foodbanks in the District. In addition, their Environmental Health Team were actively engaged in providing advice to residents on social distancing measures.

The representative of Tamworth Borough Council reported that his Authority's Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was to meet on 14 July 2020 at which they would consider the Council's response to the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic. In addition, the letter which had been sent by the previous Chairman of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee on 15 July 2020 regarding the operation of the standing joint working arrangements in health had been positively received his Authority looked forward to strengthening the operation of these arrangements, in the near future, for the benefit of residents in the Borough/County.

The representative of East Staffordshire Borough Council said that his Authority were currently focusing on a review of Sports Development. In addition representatives of University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust and Clinical Commissioning Group(s) would be invited to the next meeting of their Scrutiny Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being Committee regarding the recent merger and local General Practitioner services, respectively.

The Chairman informed them of an emailed letter he had received from Mrs. P Wood of Leek Health Campaign Group on 5 August 2020 regarding the future of Leek Hospital. He said that he would reply to Mrs. Wood informing her that a copy would be forwarded to the Clinical Commissioning Groups Accountable Officer for attention and any necessary action owing to their role in ensuring adequate capacity in local health services, going forward.

In addition, he informed them of correspondence he had received from Loggerheads Parish Council regarding Community First Responders and their concerns over the recent changes made by West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust which the Committee had scrutinised at their 8 June 2020 meeting. He went on to say that he would reply informing them their concerns had been noted and that an update report by the Trust was due to be made to the Committee at a meeting towards the end of 2020.

RESOLVED –That the reports/oral reports be received and noted.

21. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 14 September 2020 at 10.00 am, Virtual/online

Chairman

Local Members' Interest
N/A

Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 14 September 2020

District and Borough Health Scrutiny Activity

Recommendation

1. That the report be received, and consideration be given to any matters arising from the Health Scrutiny activity being undertaken by the Staffordshire District and Borough Councils, as necessary.

Report of the Scrutiny and Support Manager

Background

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2001 confers on local authorities with social services functions powers to undertake scrutiny of health matters. The County Council currently have responsibility for social services functions but, to manage health scrutiny more effectively, they have agreed with the eight District/Borough Councils in the County to operate joint working arrangements.
3. Each District/Borough Council has a committee dealing with health scrutiny matters that have a specifically local theme. The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee will continue to deal with matters that impact on the whole or large parts of the County.
4. The following is a summary of the health scrutiny activity which has been undertaken at the District/Borough Council level since the previous meeting of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

Cannock Chase District Council

5. The next meeting of Cannock Chase District Council’s Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will be held on Tuesday 17 November 2020. Therefore, an update on the matters considered will be made to the next available meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

East Staffordshire Borough Council

6. The next meeting of East Staffordshire Borough Council’s Scrutiny Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being Committee will be held on Thursday 24 September 2020. Therefore, an update on the matters considered will be made to the next available meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

Lichfield District Council

7. The next meeting of Lichfield District Council’s Community Housing and Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee will be held on Tuesday 15 September 2020. Therefore, an update on the matters considered will be made to the next available meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

8. The next meeting of Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee will be held on Monday 14 September 2020. Therefore, an update on the matters considered will be made to the next available meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

South Staffordshire District Council

9. The next meeting of South Staffordshire District Council's Wellbeing Select Committee will be held on Tuesday 13 October 2020. Therefore, an update on the matters considered will be made to the next available meeting of Health Staffordshire Select Committee.

Stafford Borough Council

10. The next meeting of Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny is due to be held on Tuesday 8 September 2020 and the following items have been included on the Agenda:-

- A presentation by the Leader of Staffordshire County Council and the Director of Public Health surrounding the epidemiology of the Covid-19 pandemic as it applies to each Borough, which aims to raise awareness and provide reassurance to elected Members together with an explanation of the limitations of what can be done, given the information we have available.
- An item from a Member of the Committee concerning suicide prevention;
- A report back on the activities of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee from its meetings held on 8 June 2020, 6 July 2020 and 10 August 2020;
- An update on Stafford Borough Council's Housing Allocations Policy;
- An update on Covid-19 Community Recovery Planning;
- The Final Accounts Position for the Services within the Committee's remit during 2019/20;
- An update on the Performance Reporting for Quarter 1 2020 – 2021 for services within the Committee's remit;
- The Work Programme for meetings of the Committee up to March 2021.

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

11. The next meeting of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel will be held on 30 September 2020 at which they will receive a presentation from local Clinical Commissioning Groups and Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust on Community Hospital provision in the District. An update will be given to the next available meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

Tamworth Borough Council

12. Tamworth Borough Council's Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 14 July 2020 at which they considered the following items:-

- Council Response to COVID-19 - an update on the actions taken to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing actions around the most vulnerable people in the local community focussing on (i) the immediate response from various anchor organisations which locally mobilised support to vulnerable groups; (ii) the deployment of Council resources to support the anchor organisations; (iii) the coordination work of the Local Resilience Forum; (iv) the tailored support for homeless people and; (v) the successful lottery bid for resources for the ongoing support over the next six months.
- Work Plan Review - Priority to be given to COVID-19 related matters at the upcoming meetings. Items identified for their meeting on 24 September 2020 include (i) Impact of COVID-19 on overall health treatments / issues; (ii) Impact on Young People of COVID-19 and; (iii) Food vulnerability and Healthy Eating.

Appendices/Background papers

Emails from (i) Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council (Denise French) dated 2 September 2020; (ii) South Staffordshire District Council (Mark Jenkinson) dated 24 August 2020; (iii) Stafford Borough Council (Andrew Bailey) dated 19 August 2020; (iv) Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (Sally Hampton) dated 19 August 2020 and; (v) Tamworth Borough Council (Jo Hutchinson) dated 19 August 2020 to Jonathan Lindop, Member and Democratic Services.

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WORK PROGRAMME – 14 September 2020

Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee 2020/21

This document sets out the work programme for the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee for 2020/21.

The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee is responsible for:

- Scrutiny of matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the Authority's area, including public health, in accordance with regulations made under the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and subsequent guidance.
- Scrutiny of the Council's work to achieve its priorities that Staffordshire is a place where people live longer, healthier and fulfilling lives and In Staffordshire's communities people are able to live independent and safe lives, supported where this is required (adults).

Link to Council's Strategic Plan Outcomes and Priorities

Be healthier and more independent

A joined up approach to **Health, Care and Wellness** that encourages people to take responsibility for their own health and plan for their future, so that we can support those who really need it.

We review our work programme from time to time. Sometimes we change it - if something comes up during the year that we think we should investigate as a priority. Our work results in recommendations for NHS organisations in the county, the County Council and sometimes other organisations about how what they do can be improved, for the benefit of the people and communities of Staffordshire.

Councillor Jeremy Pert

Chair of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

If you would like to know more about our work programme, please get in touch with Chris Ebberley, Manager and Democratic Services Manager on 01785 276164 or chris.ebberley@staffordshire.gov.uk

In Staffordshire, the arrangements for health scrutiny have been set up to include the county's eight District and Borough Councils. The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee is made up of elected County Councillors and one Councillor from each District or Borough Council. In turn, one County Councillor from the Committee sits on each District or Borough Council overview and scrutiny committee dealing with health scrutiny. The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee concentrates on scrutinising health matters that concern the whole or large parts of the county. The District and Borough Council committees focus on scrutinising health matters of local concern within their area.

Work Programme 2020/21

Date	Topic	Background/Outcomes	
Committee Meetings, Reviews and Consultations			
		Background	Outcomes from Meeting
15 April 2020 (additional meeting)	Modernising Adult Social Care Programme. An update, containing an evaluation of the introduction of the service (SCC)		Meeting cancelled
May/June 2020 TBC (Informal Meeting)	Staffordshire Health and Care Green Paper - - Informal Workshop		
Scrutiny Review (Public session July 2020 TBA)	Urgent Care and Delayed Transfers of Care.	Item raised at Triangulation meeting.	Currently on-hold
8 June 2020	Community First Responders – Reconfiguration by West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust		<p>RESOLVED – (a) That the report/presentation be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the impact of the above-mentioned changes on the Trusts' performance metrics be monitored closely and that further scrutiny of the Trusts' operations be undertaken at the appropriate time, as necessary.</p> <p><i>Members scrutinised and held West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust to account over their recent decision to make changes to (i) the vehicles used by Community First Responders (CFRs); (ii) range of drugs routinely carried by CFRs and; (iii) the training received, and qualifications attained by CFRs. In addition, they learned of the Trust's expectations for the future of the CFR initiative having regard to these changes and the impact on service delivery to the residents of Staffordshire.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst the Trust were unable to re-visit their decisions, they acknowledged the Committee's criticisms regarding the limited consultation and communication with local communities undertaken prior to implementation of the new arrangements. They therefore undertook to ensure that such measures on future service reconfigurations were robust, meaningful and took account of local concerns. In addition, the Trust gave the Committee assurances regarding the future of the CFR service in general and the contribution they foresaw it would make to the continued provision of an Outstanding service to the residents of the County.</i></p>

6 July 2020	(i) Staffordshire Healthwatch Contract Update (SCC)		
Page 15	<p>(ii) CCG – Financial Exception Report (CCGs)</p> <p>(i) Mental Health Burden and 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic in Staffordshire (Mental Health Trusts)</p> <p>(ii) Residential Care Provision and 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic in Staffordshire (SCC)</p>	<p>Requested at meeting on 16 September 2019</p> <p>Requested following meeting on 8 June 2020</p>	<p>RESOLVED - (a) That the reports/presentations be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the contact details of Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation and North Staffordshire Combined Health Care NHS Trusts' 24/7 emergency mental health helpline (to be supplied) be circulated to (i) Members of the Committee; (ii) all Staffordshire County Councillors and (iii) Leaders of all Staffordshire District/Borough Council's for dissemination, as appropriate.</p> <p>(c) That the Chairman highlights the importance of improving links between NHS mental health service providers and schools having regard to the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic, with Staffordshire County Council's Cabinet Members for Learning and Employability and; Children and Young People, as necessary</p> <p>(d) That the mental health burden arising from the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic in Staffordshire be monitored closely and that further scrutiny of mental health service providers be undertaken at the appropriate time, as necessary.</p> <p>They received a joint presentation/report from (i) the Director of Health and Care; (ii) Chief Executive of Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and; (iii) Chief Executive Officer North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust regarding the mental health burden arising from the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic in Staffordshire.</p> <p>Members scrutinised and held the Trusts to account over the various measures they had implemented to deal with the effects of the Pandemic including:- (i) service changes to comply with social distancing guidelines; (ii) forward planning for a potential increase in demand; (iii) ensuring access to services by existing patients were maintained and; (iii) their efforts to reach residents in high risk groups who were not already known to providers. With regard to the County Council's Public Health responsibilities, they heard that whilst the longer-term effects of the pandemic were not yet known, actions to improve mental health in the wider population would require a sustained system-wide, multi-agency approach lasting many years.</p> <p>In response to the above, the Committee identified certain immediate actions aimed at improving access to services in the County.</p> <p>RESOLVED - (a) That the presentation/report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the impact of the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic on Care Homes in Staffordshire be monitored closely and that further scrutiny of relevant commissioners be undertaken at the appropriate time, as necessary.</p> <p>They received a presentation/report from the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing regarding Residential Care Provision and the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic in Staffordshire.</p> <p>Members learned that whilst approximately 50 % of Care Homes in the County had recorded at least one case of the virus (amongst residents and staff), all Homes had been affected to a degree (i) operationally;</p>

			<p>(ii) clinically and/or; (iii) financially. However, in line with Central Government requirements, the County Council had implemented a Care Homes Support Plan to provide (i) Advice and guidance; (ii) training in infection control; (iii) supplies of Personal Protective Equipment; (iv) surveillance and response to cases and outbreaks; (v) Clinical support; (vi) testing; (vii) intensive support with staffing where required; (viii) arrangements to reduce the movement of staff and; (ix) additional funding. They were pleased to note that the plan had helped to alleviate the position in respect of the above-mentioned areas but agreed to keep Staffordshire's response to the Pandemic under review as the situation both nationally and locally developed.</p>
10 August 2020	Backlog of hospital appointments as a result of Covid-19 (Acute Trusts, CCGs)	Requested at pre-Agenda preview on 26 June 2020	<p>RESOLVED – (a) That the joint presentation/report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the impact of the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic on the backlog of hospital appointments be monitored closely and that further scrutiny of health Partners be undertaken at the appropriate time, as necessary.</p> <p>The Committee received a joint presentation/report from (i) Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG); (ii) University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust; (iii) School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS); (iv) University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust and; (v) Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust regarding the backlog of hospital appointments arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Members were provided with detailed statistical and graphical information relating to:- (i) Capacity; (ii) performance against the NHS Two Week Cancer Wait Target; (iii) progress in reducing the 62 and 104 Days Cancer Pathways backlogs; (iv) Cancer Endoscopy Waits; (v) progress with regard to the implementation of various Cancer Screening Programmes; (vi) Follow-up Appointments; (vii) Routine Surgery Referral to Treatment Pathway Waiting Lists; (viii) Accident and Emergency Unplanned Pathways and; (ix) Inpatient and Outpatient Activity etc.</p> <p>Members scrutinised and held the CCGs, Trusts and SAIS to account over their performance asking questions and seeking clarification where necessary. They learned that whilst the Pandemic initially had a significant impact on the NHS, many of those services which had been halted, were now in the process of being restored. Other services such as routine GP appointments had adapted/been managed remotely during the crisis in order to comply with social distancing guidelines. In addition, they were pleased to note that Staffordshire NHS Trusts/CCGs had robust plans in place for the recovery period until March 2021 and had refreshed their long-term Plans to take account of the significant change in circumstances which had occurred including identification of future risks and challenges and appropriate measures to mitigate their impact. Also, the joint working which had taken place in Health was noted and welcomed.</p> <p>The Committee went on to make various suggestions as to how the recovery phase could be improved for the benefit of residents in the County and undertook to keep the developing situation with regard to Covid-19 under close scrutiny, as necessary.</p>
14 September 2020	(i) Hearing Aids (CCGs) (ii) Winter Plans (Acute Trusts, CCGs, SCC)	Requested at pre-Agenda preview on 26 June 2020	
26 October 2020	(i) Social Care Green Papers (National and Staffordshire) (SCC) (ii) Learning Disability Services (Day and Respite Care) (SCC)	Requested at pre-Agenda preview on 28 August 2020	
30 November 2020	(i) Community First Responders – Update from WMAS on progress following 8 June 2020 attendance (ii) Digital Exclusion (CCGs)	Requested at pre-Agenda preview on 28 August 2020	

January 2021 (date to be arranged)	Tackling obesity – Inquiry Day (CCGs and SCC)	Requested at pre-Agenda preview on 28 August 2020	
1 February 2021	Care Homes – (i) Future Demand and; (ii) Critical Issues (SCC)	Requested at pre-Agenda preview on 28 August 2020	
16 March 2021			
Suggested Items	Background		Possible Option
Role of Community Hospitals	The Committee wish to explore the role of the Community Hospitals within the wider Health Economy		North of the County – Part of the consultation with the Joint Committee with Stoke on Trent South of the County – Part of the STP consultation
Consideration of the range of approaches to sharing information between PCTs (Now CCGs) and education.	Referral from the Education Scrutiny Committee Closing the Gap Scrutiny Review. Scrutiny and Support Manager to undertake further work and report to the Committee		
Chairman's Activity			
Working Groups/ Inquiry Days/Briefing Papers :			

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Calendar of Committee Meetings

at County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford. ST16 2LH
(at 10.00 am unless otherwise stated)

~~15 April 2020 (additional meeting) – Meeting Cancelled~~

~~8 June 2020~~

~~6 July 2020~~

~~10 August 2020~~

14 September 2020

26 October 2020

30 November 2020

1 February 2021

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NB: In considering their work programme for the year, Members are advised to have regard to the likelihood of referrals from Corporate Review Committee arising from the Covid-19 epidemic.