# Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 4 February 2019

# **District and Borough Health Scrutiny Activity**

#### Recommendation

1. That the report be received, and consideration given to any matters arising, as required.

### 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, in order 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 beginning of their municipal year.

#### **Cannock Chase District Council**

5. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

### **East Staffordshire Borough Council**

6. The Scrutiny Committee have recently completed three reviews on Adult Social Care (ASC), Domestic Abuse services (DA), and Anti-Social Behaviour. The ASC review looked at how young people transitioned from children's to adult care and what support was available to parents/carers. Generally, the report recognised that whilst transition was a difficult time, a range of options and support are available for young people. However, the review group thought there may be more opportunities, in a local authority setting for supported internships for young people with learning difficulties.

The DA study looked at the Councils response to victims of DA and what support networks are in place. Members who completed the study found the processes and mechanisms for handling both victims and offenders were effective within the Borough Council. However, members noted that, during the review, New Era had been commissioned to delivery DA services in Staffs and this introduction of a new provider had caused some initial concerns during the provider handover period. Subsequently, members committed to re-visit the study in late 2019 to review the impact and progress of New Era.

#### **Lichfield District Council**

7. The Committee met on the 29 November 2018 and considered the vision for Community Hospitals in the District. the University Hospitals of Derby & Burton NHS Foundation Trust gave a brief update on the merger of the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton. They advised that they were working on a vision for the Community Hospitals at both The Sir Robert Peel Hospital in Tamworth and The Samuel Johnson Community Hospital in Lichfield.

# **Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council**

8. The Committee met on the 3 December 2018. It considered the Space 2018 scheme, following a 2108 survey which showed that whilst the Borough was relatively successful in engaging with people who are active there remained 31,800 inactive residents and there were inequalities between the wards members were challenged to look at the way the Borough could best focus its limited resources on the prevention of ill health and reduce health inequalities. Strategies to address this will be developed with the involvement of key stakeholders and will include engaging with Active Lives to continue the offer available to participants.

Committee members and the Portfolio Holder visited the CCTV provision at the Borough and the facility operated by Stoke on Trent City Council and made recommendations. The Committees next meeting will be held on 4 March 2019.

#### **South Staffordshire District Council**

9. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

### **Stafford Borough Council**

- 10. The last meeting of the Council's community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was held on 8 January 2019, where the following items were considered: -
  - Community Wellbeing Partnership Update
  - General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/2019 2021/2022 and Capital Programme 2018/2019 2021/2022 Community Portfolio, Environment Portfolio and Leisure Portfolio The next meeting of the Committee is due to be held on 12 March 2019.

#### **Staffordshire Moorlands District Council**

11. The Committees next meeting will be held on 13 February 2019.

# **Tamworth Borough Council**

12. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

Appendices/Background papers (i) email from Cannock Chase – no response (ii) email from Stafford Borough Council 2 January 2019 (iii) email from Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council 7 January 2019 (iv) email from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council 2 January 2019 (v) email from Tamworth Borough Council – no response (vi) email from South Staffordshire – no response (vii) email from Lichfield District Council 4 January 2019 (viii) email from East Staffs Borough Council 22 January 2019.

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