

Local Members' Interest
N/A

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 5 July 2021

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 Officer

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 in which holds the remit for health scrutiny matters that have a specifically local theme. The Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee will continue to deal with matters that impact on the whole or large parts of the County and that require wider debate across Staffordshire.
4. District and Borough Councils each have a representative from the County Council Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a member of the relevant committee with remit for health scrutiny matters. The County Councillors will update the District and Borough Councils on matters considered by the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A summary of matters considered by this committee is circulated to District and Borough Councils for information.
5. It is anticipated that the District and Borough Councillors who are members of this committee will present the update of matters considered at the District and Borough committees to the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
6. 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 Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Cannock Chase District Council

7. Cannock Chase District Council's Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 15 June 2021
 - a. There will be a verbal update on any health and wellbeing matters considered to the meeting.
 - b. Date of the next meeting: Date next meeting: 14 September 2021

East Staffordshire Borough Council

8. East Staffordshire Borough Council's Scrutiny Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being Committee last met on 23 June 2021.

- a. There will be a verbal update on any health and wellbeing matters considered to the meeting.
- b. Date of the next meeting: 27 October 2021

9. Lichfield District Council

Lichfield District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee has not met since the last meeting of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

10. Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's Health, Wellbeing & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee met on 7th June 2021.

a. The following matters were considered:

- The Committee considered a comprehensive update report on Anti-Social Behaviour services which included a snapshot of the current picture; local arrangements including work with partners; impact of Covid; and diversionary projects for the summer.
- Parks and Open Spaces Scrutiny Review – the final report from the Scrutiny Review was submitted and the recommendations were approved to submit to Cabinet and included pilot work to improve information at 2 parks and support for a project to plant 850 trees to celebrate the Borough's 850 Anniversary in 2023.
- Meeting with the Clinical Commissioning Group – the Committee received notes from the regular meeting between the Vice Chair, officers and Tracey Shewan of the CCG. This had included current progress with the vaccination programme and numbers of people in hospital with Covid. The Committee was informed that the council continued to promote messages about Covid safety on the website and of the measures operating in the high streets to maintain Covid safety.
- The Work Programme was discussed and the Committee agreed that the agenda for the next meeting would include an invitation to the Police, Crime and Fire Commissioner to discuss how the police manage Anti-Social Behaviour issues and a report on the Newcastle Housing Advice Service now the service has been brought back in-house.

b. Date of next meeting: 13 September 2021

11. South Staffordshire District Council

South Staffordshire District Council's Wellbeing Select Committee met on Tuesday 6th April 2021, an update of matters considered was provided to the meeting of Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7 June 2021.

- a. Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 7 September 2021.
- b. Agenda items will include an update from Staffordshire County Council on Youth Provision, Breast Screening and an update on cancer treatment for South Staffordshire residents during the pandemic.

12. Stafford Borough Council

Stafford Borough Council Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 2 March 2021, an update was provided to Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 7 June 2021.

- a. Date next meeting: 22 July 2021. the following items are due to be considered:-
 - Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Councillor J Hood
 - Performance Update Report Only (No Financial Information) -Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager
 - Business Planning Report- Scrutiny Officer
 - Work Programme - Head of Law and Administration

13. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel met on 23rd June 2021:

- a. Health and wellbeing related matters considered:
 - North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust – Annual Update with a focus on Children and Young Persons Services in the area
 - The temporary closure and re-opening of Leek Minor Injuries Unit
 - A presentation on the Leek Integrated Care Hub
- b. The Panel requested to receive regular progress updates on the Leek Integrated Care Hub and added Dentistry to its Work Programme.
- c. Date next meeting: 15th September 2021.

14. Tamworth Borough Council

Tamworth Borough Council's Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 17 March, 21 April and 22 June 2021:

- a. The following is a summary of relevant business transacted at the meeting of Tamworth Borough Council's Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committees held on 17 March & 21 April 2021 Link to agenda and reports

[:http://democracy.tamworth.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=209](http://democracy.tamworth.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=209)

	Title
Minute no. 57 (March meeting)	<p><u>Overview of Tamworth Advice Centre Services</u></p> <p>The committee received an update from the Assistant Director, Partnerships and the Community Partnerships Manager on the Tamworth Advice Centre Services</p> <p>This gave an overview of the financial wellbeing, debt and generalist advices services which were provided and which were accessed through three possible routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self referral by Tamworth residents; • Homelessness team client referrals; • Tenancy team client referrals <p>An overview of the services provided during COVID and the methods of delivery (telephone and online communication) was provided and the learnings this provided for future services delivery.</p>
Minute no. 62 (April meeting)	<p><u>Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Abuse Report</u></p> <p>The committee received its second biannual update from the Portfolio holder for Regulatory and Community Safety, the Assistant Director Partnerships and the Partnership Vulnerability Officer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The committee received details of the referrals made for the full year. 2. The ongoing safeguarding training, as well as the guidance embedded in the updated policy and procedures in respect of suicide awareness and prevention and briefing sessions in this regard for frontline staff. 3. The ongoing work to develop safeguarding training webinars for taxi drivers. 4. The partnership approach to Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Contextual Safeguarding. 5. The weekly partnership meeting and ongoing work with the Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership.
Minute no. 63 (April meeting)	<p><u>Young People Working Group</u></p> <p>This working group comprised 3 councillors and the outcomes of their work was presented to the committee. The following was highlighted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the focus of the work group was on the effects of the pandemic and the resulting needs of young people post pandemic in Tamworth; 2. The national research which the working group had considered, which included (i) research covering young people into young adulthood where the mental health issues for that age group appeared greater than in the older adults cohort (ii) the fact that

	<p>younger people had found the January 2021 lockdown harder to cope with than previous ones, (iii) that social isolation and loneliness was a major issue for young people;</p> <p>3. That there was concern over impacts on school work and uncertainty about exam grades and worries about the future.</p> <p>The existing support that was available to support young people in this area and which was provided by Staffordshire County Council and through other partners, such as SCYVS, as well as recent funding from Government which had been directed to provide a Staffordshire wide Young People's Offer, which was at an early stage of development.</p> <p>The committee agreed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Young People Working Group continue in the same form into the new municipal year; 2. A meeting be organised to scope any future working group and strategy going forwards, and the following be invited to attend; (i) the three Councillor working group members (ii) relevant Council Officer(s) (iii) relevant Staffordshire County Council Officer(s) (iii) representatives of partner organisations and (iv) the relevant Portfolio Holder.
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- b. The following is a summary of relevant business transacted at the meeting of Tamworth Borough Council's Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 22 June 2021 - link to Agenda and reports pack: <http://democracy.tamworth.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=209>

Minute No.	Title
75	<p><u>Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan – 2021/22</u></p> <p>The Committee agreed that two major themes would form the main focus for the Committee for the year with more specific topics within those themes identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mental wellbeing; and 2. Homelessness <p>Under the first theme, it was noted that the Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT) was working on plans to transform community mental health services in Staffordshire and as part of that they were looking to understand health inequalities in Tamworth. Representatives of MPFT had been invited to the July Committee meeting.</p> <p>Noted the need to coordinate with the County work plan.</p> <p>Consideration to be given to setting up a working group to review the implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant.</p> <p>The Committee's work plan will be available when the minutes are published at the above link.</p> <p>Other topics for consideration included:</p>

	Green and open spaces Attainment and Skills in Tamworth
	Matters relevant to HCOSC
1.	Further clarification on <u>how</u> the targeted vaccination programme for homeless people had operated in Staffordshire was requested – eg were walk ins encouraged or was an appointment system used?
2.	Access to GP Services was identified as a local Tamworth issue, and when the arrangements in place during COVID would be unwound. The Committee noted it was an issue on the work plan for County. Access issues also included barriers to access for some patients and also access to Long COVID clinics.
3.	The Committee had identified food vulnerability / healthy eating / social prescribing as issues of interest and noted that there could interact with the County wide item planned on wider determinants of health. Committee would want any work to tie in with County consideration / timescales.
4.	Strategic Transformation Programme (STP) – nature / extent / timing of any Committee consideration aimed to tie in with County consideration.

c. The date of the next meeting is 13 July 2021

15. Appendices/Background papers

Council	District/ Borough Representative on CC	County Council Representative on DC/BC
Cannock Chase	Cllr Martyn Buttery	Cllr Phil Hewitt
East Staffordshire	Cllr Adam Clarke	Cllr Philip Atkins
Lichfield	Cllr David Leytham	Cllr Janice Sylvester-Hall
Newcastle	Cllr Ian Wilkes	Cllr Ian Wilkes
South Staffordshire	Cllr Joyce Bolton	Cllr Jak Abrahams
Stafford BC	Cllr Jill Hood	Cllr Anne Edgeller
Staffordshire Moorlands	Cllr Barbara Hughes	Cllr Keith Flunder
Tamworth	Cllr Rosey Claymore	Cllr Thomas Jay

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