

Local Members Interest

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Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Monday 25 October 2021

District and Borough Health Scrutiny Activity

Recommendation

I recommend that:

- a. 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.

Summary

1. The Committee receives updates at each meeting to consider any matters arising from the Health Scrutiny activity being undertaken by the Staffordshire District and Borough Councils.

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 last meeting of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20 September 2021.

7. Cannock Chase District Council

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee last met on 14 September 2021

- a. Date next meeting: 30 November 2021

8. East Staffordshire Borough Council

East Staffordshire Borough Council's Scrutiny Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being Committee last met on 22 September 2021. The Committee are concluding the reviews of Community Engagement through the COVID-19 pandemic and Waste Recycling.

Date of next meeting: 2 November 2021

9. Lichfield District Council

Lichfield District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee last met on 16 September 2021.

Date of next meeting: 18 November 2021

10. Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's Wellbeing & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee met on 13 September and the following matters were considered:

- a. The Committee discussed the meeting of the County Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 26 July at Castle House to consider the health impacts arising from Walley's Quarry odour issues. The Committee noted that a number of letters had been sent to Government and responses were awaited. Members asked for a regular item on the agenda about the health impacts from Walley's

Quarry.

- b. Meeting with the Clinical Commissioning Group – the Committee received notes from the regular meeting between the Chair, officers, and Tracey Shewan of the CCG. The meeting had discussed the vaccination programme, numbers of people in hospital with Covid and current hospital waiting lists. The Committee discussed the importance of accessing primary care including face to face appointments, impact of the flu virus and long Covid and whether there were plans and additional resources to address the backlog in hospital waiting lists.
- c. Report from the meeting of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel held on 21 June - the Panel had met the new Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Ben Adams and he had outlined his initial priorities. The Committee discussed key issues that they would like to raise with Mr Adams when he attended the next meeting in November; issues included the importance of a visible police presence, vandalism and anti-social behaviour particularly impacting Newcastle town centre and response times.
- d. The Work Programme was discussed, and the Committee agreed that the next meeting would focus on the discussion with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. A report on the Newcastle Housing Advice Service would be considered at the March meeting to consider the service now it had been brought back in-house.

Cllr Julie Cooper, Vice Chair (in the chair for the meeting)

11. South Staffordshire District Council

South Staffordshire District Council's Wellbeing Select Committee met on 5 October 2021 and the following items were considered.

- a. Pre commencement of the meeting a discussion took place regarding GP access and Members will collate local examples and share with the committee Chairmen.
- b. Better Health Staffordshire – A whole system approach (WSA) to healthy weights Mark Sutton, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Natasha Moody, Assistant Director for Commissioning and Karen Coker, Senior Commissioning Manager from Staffordshire County Council delivered a presentation on Better Health Staffordshire and answered members questions on this subject area.

- c. Children's & Young People: Emotional Health & Wellbeing Mark Sutton, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Natasha Moody, Assistant Director for Commissioning and Karen Coker, Senior Commissioning Manager from Staffordshire County Council delivered a presentation on the draft Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy and answered members questions on this subject area.
- d. The work programme was discussed, and the committee agreed that December's meeting would focus on Breast Screening and an update from the Community Safety Partnership.

Date of next meeting: 7 December 2021

12. **Stafford Borough Council**

Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 21st September 2021, where the following items were considered:-

- a. Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee - a wide ranging discussion on the previous meetings of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 26 July and 9 August 2021.
- b. Performance Update Report - a detailed analysis of the performance monitoring of those services within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee for the quarter 1 period ending 30 June 2021.
- c. Work Programme – consideration of the Committee's Work Programme for meetings up to March 2022. During the discussion on their Work Programme, a suggestion was made to consider the issue of Child Poverty.

Date of next meeting: 16 November 2021

13. **Staffordshire Moorlands District Council**

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel met on 15 September 2021 a verbal update was provided to the meeting on 20 September 2021:

- a. Health related matters considered
 - i. Aftercare following discharge from hospital
 - ii. Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – Annual update
 - iii. West Midlands Ambulance Service – Review of Community Ambulance Stations and rural provision of the service.

b. During the WMAS agenda item, it became evident that there were issues which impacted the whole of the County and not just the Moorlands. Therefore, this matter was escalated to HCOSC for further consideration.

c. Date next meeting: 15 December 2021 and the agenda items are being formalised.

14. **Tamworth Borough Council**

Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 23 September 2021.

The following is a summary of relevant business transacted at the meeting of Tamworth Borough Council's Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 23 September 2021 - link to Agenda and reports pack:

<http://democracy.tamworth.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=209>

Minute No.	Title
25.	<p><u>Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust presentation</u></p> <p>The Head of Primary Care Development & MH Programme Lead (South Staffordshire) and a Consultant Nurse and Approved Clinician from Midland Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT) as well as the Council's Community Partnerships Manager attended the meeting. MPFT provided an overview of the planned transformation of mental health provision over the next three years, with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plans to create integrated neighbourhood teams, in this area covering Burntwood, Lichfield and Tamworth; • The work with partners to empower people with autism to remain independent and to prevent avoidable hospital admissions; • The work to ensure mental health teams would be in all A&E hospitals (Core 24) with the specialisms required to address mental as well as physical conditions; • The work on the pathway which would look at the social barriers following a discharge from hospital and to support patients with their integration back into the community through the support of a recovery worker; • the additional resources being focussed to provide support to individuals through a service known as Increasing Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) which was a self-referred service for individuals.

	<p>The Committee discussed the local provision, and planned future local services in Tamworth including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of partnership working to the success of this transformation process. • The role of co-producing and co-designing services locally. • The extent to which services were provided locally and the importance of that local provision. The work ongoing to locate services locally and accessibly. The fact that Tamworth had the first financial wellbeing adviser at its Citizens Advice and had been identified to pilot the rehabilitation and personality disorder pathways. • The need to ensure that there was not the perception in the local community that services were geographically distant which could alienate residents from accessing services. • Localising the communication plan to specific areas, noting that local word of mouth was vital, in addition to the traditional paper based and online communication methods and social media, including postcards and radio. • The importance of overcoming the stigma of mental health issues, where it was acknowledged that this could affect individuals accessing help and the importance of working in partnership to engage with communities and support local people to navigate to the services and the importance of those who had lived experience and reflected the local community being involved in navigation. • How the system was geared up to people with chronic mental health conditions given the fact that most services seemed to be time limited and whether chronic conditions would be addressed as part of this transformation. • The importance of and the role of carers in supporting relatives, and the need for services to work as closely as possible with carers. • The importance of all organisations understanding the work undertaken locally by both service providers and by the voluntary sector and the role of Support Staffordshire in supporting communications.
<p>Additional matters relevant to HCOSC</p>	
<p>1.</p>	<p>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.</p>

2.	Strategic Transformation Programme (STP) – nature / extent / timing of any Committee consideration aimed to tie in with County consideration.
	Date of the next meeting is 19 October 2021

Link to Strategic Plan

Scrutiny work programmes are aligned to the ambitions and delivery of the principles, priorities, and outcomes of the Staffordshire Corporate Plan.

Link to Other Overview and Scrutiny Activity

The update reports provide overview of scrutiny activity across Borough and Districts, shares good practice, and highlights emerging concerns which inform work programmes for Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committees across Staffordshire.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

Council	District/ Borough Representative on CC	County Council Representative on DC/BC
Cannock Chase	Cllr Martyn Buttery	Cllr Phil Hewitt
East Staffordshire	Cllr Colin Wileman	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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