

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 18 March 2024

District and Borough Health Scrutiny Activity

Recommendation

I recommend that:

1. 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 and wellbeing scrutiny matters and 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 28 November 2022.

Cannock Chase District Council

The Health, Wellbeing and The Community Scrutiny Committee met on 5 December 2023

Date next meeting: 18 March 2024.

East Staffordshire Borough Council

The Scrutiny Health and Well Being Committee met on 12th September 2023.

Date next meeting: 19 March 2024.

Lichfield District Council

Lichfield District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 30 January 2024.

Date of next meeting: 3 April 2024.

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's Health, Wellbeing & Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 26 February 2024.

Date of next meeting: 3 June 2024.

South Staffordshire District Council

South Staffordshire Councils Wellbeing Select Committee last met on Tuesday 13th February 2024. The following matters were considered.

Health Inequalities Funding

An update was given by the Assistant Director Community Services (South Staffordshire Council) confirming the councils application to Staffordshire County Council for Health Inequalities funding had been successful. The

funding received has been pooled with other council and partnership funding streams to create a community wellbeing fund of £350,000.

Applications to the community wellbeing fund are now live and open to public sector organisations, the voluntary and community sector, and local businesses who can apply to deliver programmes that meet the required criteria and help to reduce health inequalities within the district.

Falls Prevention

The Falls Clinical Lead from MPFT, gave an update on the Falls transformation programme covering the approach to Reactive and Proactive responses to falls, with the key message we can all make a difference and many of the common risk factors for falls can be reduced.

Breast Screening

The Health Inequalities Lead from the Dudley Group NHS Foundation trust gave an update on Breast Screening uptake across the district following COVID-19.

Pre covid 19 from 2015 to the date of suspension the average take up rate across South Staffordshire was 74%. This has dipped to 71% post Covid-19 but remains above the national average of 62%. The next round of screening across most South Staffordshire GP practices is due to commence during 2024.

Work Programme

The Assistant Director Community Services gave an overview of the committees work programme for the remainder of 23/24 and requested Members come forward with any additional local Health and Wellbeing issues that can be referred to the committee.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 13th April 2024

- Healthwatch Staffordshire Cross Border Health
- Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee update
- Health Inequalities Funding Update
- Community Safety Partnership Performance

Stafford Borough Council

Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 16 January 2024. Councillor Edgeller presented the County Digest update. We had a presentation from Homes Plus which generated a question and answer session. Homes Plus own 80% of the social housing stock in the

Borough and are a key partner who has a direct impact on the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents.

The next meeting will be 31 March 2024 and will include:

- Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee update
- Performance Update for Q3
- Presentation - Disabled Facilities Grants
- Presentation - Recycling
- Presentation - Community Wellbeing Partnership

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

The Council's Health and Wellbeing Committee is due to meet on 13 March 2024.

The following items are listed for consideration at this meeting:

- Feedback from the Chair on the Staffordshire County Council Health & Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- Cost of Living Update
- Update on Health Inequalities Funding Application

Tamworth Borough Council

The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 28 November 2023 and 23 January 2024.

The Committee considered:

- Wellbeing Strategy and baseline Priorities
- Disabled Adaptations Policy
- Housing Strategy Quarterly Update

Date next meeting: 4 March & 18 March 2024.



Link to Strategic Plan

7. 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

8. 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 David Williams	Cllr Phil Hewitt
East Staffordshire	Cllr Monica Holton	Cllr Philip Atkins
Lichfield	Cllr Leona Leung	Cllr Janice Sylvester-Hall
Newcastle	Cllr Ian Wilkes	Cllr Ian Wilkes
South Staffordshire	Cllr Val Chapman	Cllr Kath Perry
Stafford BC	Cllr Ann Edgeller	Cllr Ann Edgeller
Staffordshire Moorlands	Cllr John Jones	Cllr Keith Flunder
Tamworth	Cllr Chris Bain	Cllr Jason Jones

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