

Local Members' Interest
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## **Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 16 March 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 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. Cannock Chase District Council's Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 17 November 2020 and an update on the matters considered is anticipated to be made at the meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee. Their next meeting will be held on 30 March 2021.

#### **East Staffordshire Borough Council**

6. East Staffordshire Borough Council's Scrutiny Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being Committee met on 16 December 2020 and an update on the matters considered is anticipated to be made at the meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee. Their next meeting will be held on 25 March 2021.

## **Lichfield District Council**

7. Lichfield District Council's Community Housing and Health (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee's next meeting is on 10 March 2021. An update on the matters considered is anticipated will be made at the meeting of Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.

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

8. Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's Wellbeing & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee met on 1 March 2021 at which they considered:-
  - A comprehensive report on Domestic Abuse services which included local demand; provision of services in the Borough; funding; impact of Covid; services specifically for children and young people and how services would develop in the future.
  - An item on tackling Faith and Race Hate – a presentation was given on a project by the New Vic Theatre. The theatre's Borderlines Group had received funding of £222,931 for their project 'It's Not as Simple as Black and White' which would be launched later this month.
  - An item on Parks and Open Spaces Scrutiny Review – a verbal update was made on progress with this Scrutiny Review following a meeting of the Working Party the previous week. The Group was to meet once more in April and would finalise a set of recommendations to be brought to the Scrutiny Committee in June.
  - A report from a meeting between representatives of the Committee and the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) regarding progress with the vaccination programme across the Borough.
  - Their Work Programme and agreed that the agenda for the next meeting (7 June 2021) would include an items on Anti-Social Behaviour – the impact of Covid-19 on services for young people and ASB by adults and; the final report from the Parks and Open Spaces Scrutiny Review.

## **South Staffordshire District Council**

9. South Staffordshire District Council's Wellbeing Select Committee met on 2 February 2021 at which they considered an oral report from Staffordshire County Council updating them on the roll out of Lateral Flow Testing in the District. Members were pleased with how the programme had been delivered in South Staffordshire and the approach taken in having a number of pop up testing sites across the District which was particularly important in rural areas. NB An item which was to have been considered on the implementation of Covid-19 Vaccination Programme in the District was withdrawn owing to representatives of the local Clinical Commissioning Group being unavailable to attend.
10. Their next meeting will be held on 6 April 2021 and Agenda items will include:- (i) an update from Dudley CCG following the transfer of a Staffordshire GP practice to Dudley and how this is working for South Staffordshire residents who are patients of

the surgery and; (ii) an update on cancer treatment for South Staffordshire residents during the pandemic.

### **Stafford Borough Council**

11. At their meeting on 2 March 2021 the Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee considered:- (i) a report back from meetings of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee held on 30 November 2020 and 1 February 2021; (ii) a Covid Recovery Update - A report back on the work that had been undertaken in quarter three as part of the Community Recovery Workstream; (iii) a Quarter 3 Performance Report detailing performance and financial management for the services under the Committee's remit for the period ending 31 December 2020 and; (iv) their work programme for future meetings up to March 2022.
12. Their next meeting will be held on 22 July 2021.

### **Staffordshire Moorlands District Council**

13. Staffordshire Moorland District Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel met on 3 March 2021 at which Neil Carr, Chief Executive and Jennie Collier, Managing Director, Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, were present to update members on the temporary closure of Leek Minor Injuries Unit and the development of the Integrated Care Hub. The Panel were given assurance that the Minor Injuries unit would re-open by the end of June, as long as certain criteria was met. Should there be another surge in the number of patients requiring treatment for Covid, then staff may need to redeployed again.
14. Marcus Warnes, Accountable Officer and Tracey Shewan, Director of Communications and Corporate Services, North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group also attended the meeting. The Panel were advised of the consultation for the Integrated Care Hub, decision making and the progress to date.
15. Following discussion around the criteria used locally to identify adult carers to receive Covid-19 vaccinations, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to the County Council, as there were cases of carers that did not claim carers allowance, experiencing difficulties making appointments to be vaccinated.
16. Their next meeting will be held on a date and at a time to be arranged. However, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust have provisionally agreed to attend.

### **Tamworth Borough Council**

17. Tamworth Borough Council's Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 8 December 2020 at which they received an update from the Assistant Director, Growth & Regeneration regarding progress made since the Climate Change Declaration was adopted by Council on December 2019. This focussed on- (i) The requirement for a clear picture of the Council's carbon footprint; (ii) identification of areas for focus to reduce and offset the footprint and a road map with milestones and; (iii) the role of the Local Plan.

18. Recommendations from the Committee were made to Cabinet regarding the setting up of a working group comprising the relevant Portfolio Holder, the Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and a member of the Opposition, together with a commitment to engage with the public on any baseline report produced.
19. In addition, they received an interim update from the Working Group on Young People on their progress to date.
20. Their next meeting will be held on 26 January 2021.

### **Appendices/Background papers**

Emails from (i) Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council (Denise French) dated 3 March 2021; (ii) South Staffordshire District Council (Mark Jenkinson) dated 3 March 2021; (iii) Stafford Borough Council (Andrew Bailey) dated 1 March 2021; (iv) Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (Sally Hampton) dated 4 and 5 March 2021 and; (v) Tamworth Borough Council (Jo Hutchinson) dated 3 March 2021 to Jonathan Lindop, Member and Democratic Services.

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