

**Committee Name: Health Scrutiny Committee**

**Chair: Cllr Colin Eastwood**

**Portfolio Holder(s) Covering the Committee's Remit:  
Cllr John Williams – Stronger and Healthier Neighbourhoods**

| <b>Date of Meeting</b> | <b>Topic</b>                       | <b>Outcomes / Recommendations</b>  | <b>Further Action Required / Feedback</b>   |
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|                        | <b>Public health and wellbeing</b> | <p>That the following recommendations be taken forward:</p> <p>That data collection, analysis and sharing amongst organisations be enhanced.</p> <p>That the questionnaire that will be included with the consultation on the Health and Well Being Strategy include a question on how the organisation being consulted can help implement the strategy.</p> <p>That the Committee receives a status report on the group setup by the Alcohol and Drug Executive Board, co-chaired by Chief constable and Director of Public Health, to explore ways of aligning and developing the approaches to licensing taken by the eight district councils.</p> <p>That each Council department when designing and implementing policy considers the effect that the policy will have on the effect of the health of the</p> | Regular updates brought to the Committee regarding the Regulatory Bodies Group (set up by the Alcohol and Drug Executive Board) |

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|  |                                 | <p>Borough.</p> <p>Where areas have been identified with the Borough which are more severely affected by a problem that consideration be given to a focused initiative within that area, which might take the form of a pilot scheme. This should however not contradict any wider policy already being carried out.</p> <p>That the Education Authority be asked to explain why physical activity was lower than the national average and what steps could be taken to improve the situation.</p>                                      |  |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup><br/>August<br/>2013</b> | <b>Infant Mortality</b>         | <p>The Chair stated that infant mortality was unacceptably high compared to other European countries and other areas within the United Kingdom.</p> <p>It was reported that an Officer of the Council had been excluded from some meetings because they had been deemed purely clinical in nature. Members however felt that this wasn't fully in the spirit of collaboration that the group had intended.</p> <p>A Member stated that more effort needed to be put into the educational aspects surrounding the morning after pill</p> |  |
|  | (23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2013) | The questions contained in the report be forwarded to relevant organisations prior to the infant mortality conference in the New Year, with any   |  |

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|  |   | further Member questions to be included. When a response is received, a decision would be made regarding inviting organisations to a future Committee meeting.   |  |
|  | (12 <sup>th</sup> February 2014)  | <p>Dr John Harvey and Sally Parkin attended the meeting.</p> <p>Focus now needed to be on the integration of commissioned services to ensure that all of the different agencies involved in the care/support of families were able to share the information that they held to ensure that families were accessing, known to and receiving support from the appropriate services. An initial meeting was scheduled for Monday 10th February to map out and commence this piece of work.</p> |  |
|  | <b>Tackling Rising Alcohol related hospital admissions in the Borough</b> | That there should be a further analysis of the figures relating to alcohol admissions, an understanding of the current educational processes relating to alcohol and how the Borough's major trauma unit was dealing with the issue.   |  |
|  | (23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2013)   | <p>Tony Bullock, Commissioning Lead for Alcohol and Drugs from Staffordshire County Council Public Health, was in attendance on behalf of the North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, to provide information on the statistics for alcohol-related admissions.</p> <p>The Community Safety Officer was requested to circulate the results of the Insight Team School Alcohol Survey County Report.</p>   |  |

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|                                     |  | Entrust be contacted to request information regarding the problems engaging schools for the education project for alcohol   |  |
|                                     | <b>Minutes from the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee</b> | In relation to the proposed changes at Mid Staffs the Portfolio Holder stated that he was appalled that the people of North Staffordshire were not being consulted. He was taking steps with the Leader and Chief Executive to protest the situation. A Member stated that the UHNS had approached mid Staffordshire as way of improving their financial position. By taking on services they hoped to secure a larger budget |  |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013</b> | <b>Cardiac Rehabilitation at Jubilee 2</b>                     |   | <b>Questions raised by the Committee would be forwarded to the commissioner of the cardiac rehabilitation service.</b> |
|                                     | <b>Health and Wellbeing Strategy</b>                           | The draft strategy had been approved for consultation by Cabinet in the summer. It was expected that an interim report would be considered by Cabinet in December, which would seek approval to begin the second phase of the consultation, which was to engage with Borough residents around a set of proposed actions.  | <b>That the strategy should return to the Committee in six months</b>  |
|                                     | (12 <sup>th</sup> February 2014)                               | Update on the Strategy received.<br><br>The mapping exercise which had been started by the executive Director for Operations had now been taken on the District Public Health Officer for Newcastle under Lyme. A template had been   |  |

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|                                      |   | circulated for completion by all Heads of Service and responses were currently being analysed before an action plan could be formulated.   |  |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> November 2013</b> | <b>Physical Activity in Schools</b><br>Joint meeting with Active and Cohesive Overview and Scrutiny Committee | Cllr Ben Adams (Portfolio Holder for Learning and Skills), Nicola Day (Public Health Commissioning Lead: Physical Activity and Nutrition), Mr Mark Thornewill (Director for Sport across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent) and Mr Stancliffe (Head Teacher – Reginald Mitchell Primary School) attended the meeting.   | <b>Cllr Adams stated that he would feedback into the Health and Well-Being Board at County level on the discussion. He thanked the Committee for asking him to attend and to contribute to the debate.</b> |
|                                      | <b>UHNS and the Future of Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust</b>   | That the Health Scrutiny Committee supports the principle of establishing a Joint Committee with other local authorities, to consider the implementation of the proposals resulting from the changes to the Mid-Staffordshire NHS foundation Trust. In addition a smaller Group of Members from the Health Scrutiny Committee, in liaison with the Leader and Chief Executive, will meet to discuss the mechanics and terms of reference for the proposed Joint Committee. | <b>Update scheduled for meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014</b>   |
|                                      | <b>FULL COUNCIL MEETING 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013</b>   | That the updates be received and the work undertaken noted<br><br>That Council note the contents of the scrutiny briefing note (attached at appendix A).<br><br>That Council support the recommendations from the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting of 20th November 2013 that any impact on the residents of  |  |

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|                                      |  | the Borough of Newcastle under Lyme of the transfer of services from Stafford hospital to UHNS should be the subject of detailed scrutiny by this local authority  |  |
|                                      | <b>The Licensing Process</b>                                   | Briefing note from the Democratic Services manager   | <b>Regular updates to be brought to the Committee regarding the Regulatory Bodies Group (set up by the Alcohol and Drug Executive Board)</b> |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> February 2014</b> | <b>Achieving Excellence for Young People</b>                   | A presentation was received from Staffordshire County Council Cabinet Member Robert Marshall.<br><br>Members of the Active and Cohesive Overview and Scrutiny Committee invited to attend for this item. | <b>Response sent to the County Council based on Members comments.</b>  |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> April 2014</b>     | <b>Healthcare at home</b>                                      | George Briggs and Gill Adamson from UHNS to attend the meeting. Request for attendance from representative of Health Care at Home.   |  |
|                                      | <b>Community Based Services</b>                                | Initial Report/Scrutiny Brief to be discussed  |  |
|                                      | <b>Joint Code of Working with Staffordshire County Council</b> | Awaiting information from the County Council   |  |
|                                      | <b>Portfolio Holders Question Time</b>                         | Cllr Snell and Cllr Stubbs to attend   |  |
|                                      | <b>Terms of Reference for the Committee</b>                    | Outcomes from the Constitution Working Group and Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.   | <b>Report to Full Council in April 2014</b>  |

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| <b>Task and Finish Groups:</b>                 |   |
| <b>Future Task and Finish Groups:</b>          |   |
| <b>Suggestions for Potential Future Items:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fit for the Future &amp; Move of A &amp; E Centre – 4 hour target issues to be monitored.</li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consultation on Mental Health Services (Committee to determine timescales).</li><li>• Suicide Prevention.</li><li>• Cardiac Rehabilitation at Jubilee 2</li><li>• <b>NEW</b> - Tobacco Control – investigating what has already been done by the County on this</li><li>• <b>NEW</b> - A&amp;E attendance – why is this so high – request from County Council to look at this.</li></ul> |
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