

Sue Backnak from Staffordshire Healthwatch presented the committee with an update on the organisation's activities for the year, along with a report of an Enter and View visit carried out at a residential care home in Leek, which gave members an insight into how visits are carried out. Sue said she was happy to be contacted about issues which concerned the committee, but emphasised they needed to be specific and not in too general terms.

Victoria Rowley, Staffordshire Commissioning Manger, and Nicola Bucknall, North Staffordshire CCG Commissioning Manager, gave a presentation and answered questions on Dementia Care Across North Staffordshire. It was explained the two organisations were working on a joint North Staffordshire Dementia Plan 2015-19 which was at present out to consultation. It was agreed the committee would be kept up to date on progress and final outcomes of the plan. The committee also supported organisations locally becoming members of the Dementia Action Alliance. Cllr Wilkes said Audley was already getting involved, which the committee welcomed.

Joanne Halliday, Head of Housing, Regeneration and Assets, brought a report on the Better Care Fund to the committee. The fund is a mandatory national programme to be funded jointly by CCG's and Staffordshire County Council to reduce non-emergency hospital admissions and protect Adult Social Care. There is concern at the delay in its implementation and it was agreed Cllrs Eastwood and Loades, as members of the Staffordshire Healthy Select Committee, would be raising it at county level and would keep members informed.

Rob Foster, Head of Leisure, Culture and Localism Services gave a presentation and answered questions on physical activity for the elderly and physical activity in the deprived areas. It was emphasised individual staff were allocated certain responsibilities to ensure a wide range of people were properly catered for e.g. cardiac rehabilitation. Rob, together with his staff, were thanked for the positive work they provide improving the health and wellbeing of residents in the borough.

Cllr Colin Eastwood

Chair Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee