

**Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 1 December 2017
District/Borough Digest**

Under the Health Scrutiny Code of Joint Working with District and Borough Councils, Authorities have undertaken to keep relevant Partners informed of their consideration of health matters having regard to the general working principle of co-operation and the need to ensure a co-ordinated Staffordshire approach.

Therefore, the following is a summary of the business transacted at the meeting of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee held on 1 December 2017 - link to Agenda and reports pack:-

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Agenda Item	District(s)/Borough(s)
<p>Strategic Collaboration between Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – Outline Business Case- Follow-up</p> <p>They considered a joint report of the Chief Executives of Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and received a presentation updating them on progress with regard to their proposals for greater strategic collaboration through the acquisition of Burton Hospitals NHS Trust by the Derby Trust.</p> <p>Members learned that since their previous meeting with the Trusts they had prepared a Patients' Benefits Case setting out the anticipated clinical benefits of the proposals together with the risks from a no-change scenario. The specific service areas which had been highlighted as benefiting from the merger included hyper-acute stroke, cardiology, renal medicine, radiology and orthopaedics.</p> <p>During the meeting, Members gave detailed scrutiny and sought clarification of the Trusts' plans specifically relating to (i) the impact on staff recruitment and retention; (ii) their ability to treat more patients locally; (iii) the future of Community Hospitals in Lichfield and Tamworth; (iv) Staffordshire's representation on the combined Trust's Board; (v) the co-ordination between the</p>	<p>East Staffordshire Borough Council; Lichfield District Council and; Tamworth Borough Council</p>

<p>Trust and specifically the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Sustainability and Transformation Partnership and; (vi) the measures being implemented to ensure a smooth organisational change.</p> <p>University Hospitals North Midlands NHS Trust – Action Plans and Progress</p> <p>They received an oral report from the Chief Executive of University Hospitals North Midlands NHS Trust regarding their efforts to achieve financial sustainability following being placed into Financial Special Measures by the NHS Improvement in March 2017. Members learned that whilst the Trust previously had one of the largest NHS deficits in the Country at £119m, the anticipated outturn position for the current year was £70m.</p> <p>The Trust had a Financial Recovery Plan in place together with a refreshed 2025 Vision. However, various external factors were contributing to on-going planned deficits including (i) long standing structural issues in the wider health economy; (ii) delays in the receipt of payments from Clinical Commissioning Groups and; (iii) the end of Transitional funding to support the re-configuration of the acute sector on north Staffordshire.</p> <p>The Committee asked the Chief Executive to attend their meeting in March 2018 to update them on progress with regard to the Plan.</p>	<p>Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council; Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and; Stafford Borough Council</p>
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Their next meeting will be held on Monday 8 January 2018.

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