

## **Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Chair Report**

### **Dementia Care Services Scrutiny Brief**

The Health and Wellbeing scrutiny committee met on the 21<sup>st</sup> September to receive presentations from the the North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (NSCCG), and Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Partnership Trust (SSOTP) regarding the provision of dementia care and services within Newcastle-under-Lyme. The committee will be meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> November to receive: (i) an update on current partnership working with respect to dementia support services, and (ii) a presentation regarding feasibility of establishing a dementia friendly swimming service at borough leisure facilities.

### **Bradwell Hospital**

The Health and Wellbeing scrutiny committee held an emergency meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> October to scrutinise the NSCCG decision to decommission the beds at Bradwell hospital, provided for sub-acute care. Representatives of the NSCCG and SSOTP were in attendance, and answered questions from members and the public regarding the lack of transparency, and forewarning, in communication of the decision. At the Health Staffordshire Select Committee meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> November the decision to decommission the beds at Bradwell Hospital was referred to the Secretary of State for Health under the Health and Social Care Act (2012).

### **Staffordshire Sustainability and Transformation Partnership**

At the 7<sup>th</sup> November Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee an update was provided on the development of the Staffordshire wide STP, as part of the reorganisation of health and social care partnership to deliver financially sustainable health and social care delivery models. The committee was made aware of a detailed document outlining these measures that will be made available, to the public domain, shortly.

### **NSCCG Hearing Aid Policy**

At the 7<sup>th</sup> November Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee the NSCCG presented an update regarding the impact of decommissioning the provision of free hearing aids to adults with mild or moderate hearing loss. Members raised issue with the evidence presented, and lack of consultation with appropriate external organisations. As a consequence, the committee voted to refer the decision to the Secretary of State for Health under the Health and Social Care Act (2012).

**Cllr Dave Jones**

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