

**Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 3 February 2020  
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 3 January 2020 - link to Agenda and reports pack:

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<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>District(s)/Borough(s)</b>
<p align="center"><b>Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 3 February 2020</b></p> <p><b>Autism Implementation Plan</b></p> <p>The County Council's Whole Life Disability Strategy 2018-2023 set out (i) the Council's vision for people with disabilities and; (ii) Their commitment to implement a series of plans to improve service provision. The Staffordshire Autism Joint Implementation Plan 2020-2023 (SAJIP) being prepared Jointly by the Authority and Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) was one of these plans and was based on the 15 'I' Statements from within the National Autism Strategy.</p> <p>As part of the authors' programme of engagement with stakeholders, the Committee were invited by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health Care and Wellbeing to give their views, and therefore submitted the following comments to him at the meeting:- (i) efforts should be made to keep CCGs engaged so that the Plan could be implemented in a timely manner; (ii) there should be a greater emphasis on the role of the NHS in meeting the needs of people with Autism through staff training and awareness raising; (iii) the importance of developing an Autism friendly culture with all stakeholder organisations should be highlighted; (iv) transport needs of people with Autism should be considered as part of their assessment process; (v) there should be consideration of the various dangers faced by people with Autism in respect of exploitation, safeguarding and the Prevent Agenda; (vi) the commitment to work with the Department for Work and Pensions should also include Job Centre Plus; (vii) the commitment to work with Criminal Justice Services should include identification of how the needs of people with Autism can be embedded within the system; (viii) an awareness of the needs of people with Autism should be raised within schools, particularly at Primary level and; (ix) all Stakeholders (including District and Borough Councils) should commit to share relevant information regarding people with Autism, where necessary to ensure successful delivery of the plan.</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>

<p><b>Future Model of Carers' Services</b></p> <p>'All Together for Carers' was a Carers strategy for Staffordshire which had been developed jointly with the five Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and adopted in the Autumn of 2019. The strategy included a commitment to review services for carers and, if necessary, develop a new service model and explore options for its delivery. Following engagement with stakeholders to evaluate current provision/pathways, a draft revised model had been prepared and was to be considered by the Council Council's Cabinet at their meeting on 19 February 2020. However, in the meantime, the Committee had been requested by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health care and Wellbeing to provide pre-decision scrutiny of the proposals in order to assist Members in their decision-making process.</p> <p>During consideration of the draft Cabinet report the Committee gave the following comments/views:- (i) there should be further consideration of the options for young carers to contact service providers via alternative channels such as the World Wide Web, email etc; (ii) there should be further consideration of the information needed by "Local Members", District and Borough Councillors so that carers could be better signposted to relevant sources of information or services; (iii) current engagement with schools should be expanded to include liaison with Special Education Need and Disabilities Hubs to support awareness raising and identification; (iv) Primary Care Services including social prescribers should understand where to signpost carers for help and support; (v) mitigation of the various risks highlighted in the report should be a priority and liaison with Cabinet Support Member for Learning and Employability was required in this respect.</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>
<p><b>Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups – Update</b></p> <p>The Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) Accountable Officer attended the meeting to discuss various matters which had previously been raised with him by the Chairman in his letter dated 20 December 2019 including:- (i) the proposed merger of the CCGs which he understood was not now taking place and their commissioning intentions going forward; (ii) scrutiny of out of County care provision received by Staffordshire residents and (iii) General Practitioners' concerns regarding Integrated Care Proposals.</p> <p>The Committee heard that the CCGs intended to continue developing a strategic commissioning function within an Integrated Care System (ICS) involving three locality-based divisions which align with the ICS partnerships in the north, south-east and south-west of the County. Their commissioning intentions were in-line with the Long-Term Plan</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>

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for the NHS and would be set out in a Local Plan to be published in the Spring of 2020. However, whilst the commissioning of services would be co-ordinated to ensure inequalities across the area and unwanted variations were addressed, there might be occasions where local sensitivities would need to take priority.

With regard to scrutiny of out of county provision, they learned that over half of CCGs acute activity was with hospitals outside the County boundary. However, there were well developed contracts and systems in place to monitor quality and performance including:- (i) Locality Based Multi-Disciplinary Teams which met bi-monthly; (ii) Financial Triangulation meetings held monthly; (iii) meetings of the Contract Management Executive Team which were held monthly; (iv) Contract Steering Groups meetings which were held monthly and; (v) the Quality Teams at Trusts which reported monthly to their Governing Bodies so that appropriate remedial action could be taken, where necessary.

With regard to GP concerns over Integrated Care Proposals (ICP) the Committee learned that CCGs had held their first ICP Development Workshop on 26 November 2019 to which representatives of General Practice and Primary Care Networks had been invited to attend and Further workshops were planned. The aim of ICPs was to encourage providers to come together where possible to share contracting arrangements that allow strategy commissioners to focus on outcomes and give providers the freedom and autonomy to develop and deliver services to meet those outcomes. However, commissioning of General Practice was currently delegated to CCGs and therefore could not be delegated further to individual practices.

Their next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 March 2020.

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