

**Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 6 July 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 6 July 2020 - link to Agenda and reports pack:-

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Agenda Item	District(s)/Borough(s)
<p style="text-align: center;">Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 6 July 2020</p> <p>The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee received a joint presentation/report from (i) the Director of Health and Care; (ii) Chief Executive of Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and; (iii) Chief Executive Officer North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust regarding the mental health burden arising from the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic in Staffordshire.</p> <p>Members scrutinised and held the Trusts to account over the various measures they had implemented to deal with the effects of the Pandemic including:- (i) service changes to comply with social distancing guidelines; (ii) forward planning for a potential increase in demand; (iii) ensuring access to services by existing patients were maintained and; (iii) their efforts to reach residents in high risk groups who were not already known to providers. With regard to the County Council’s Public Health responsibilities, they heard that whilst the longer-term effects of the pandemic were not yet known, actions to improve mental health in the wider population would require a sustained system-wide, multi-agency approach lasting many years.</p> <p>In response to the above, the Committee identified certain immediate actions aimed at improving access to services in the County.</p> <p>In addition, the Select Committee received a presentation/report from the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing regarding Residential Care Provision and the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic in Staffordshire.</p> <p>Members learned that whilst approximately 50 % of Care Homes in the County had recorded at least one case of the virus (amongst residents and staff), all Homes had been affected to a degree (i) operationally; (ii) clinically and/or; (iii) financially. However, in line with Central Government requirements, the County Council had implemented a Care Homes Support Plan to provide (i) Advice and guidance; (ii) training in infection control; (iii) supplies of Personal Protective Equipment; (iv) surveillance and response to cases and outbreaks; (v) Clinical support; (vi) testing; (vii)</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>

intensive support with staffing where required; (viii) arrangements to reduce the movement of staff and; (ix) additional funding. They were pleased to note that the plan had helped to alleviate the position in respect of the above-mentioned areas but agreed to keep Staffordshire's response to the Pandemic under review as the situation both nationally and locally developed.	
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Their next meeting will be held on Monday 10 August 2020 at 10.00 am Virtually/on-line.