

**Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 20 September 2021
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 Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 20 September 2021 - link to Agenda and reports pack:-

[Agenda for Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 20th September 2021, 10:00am - Staffordshire County Council](#)

The webcast of the meeting can also be viewed following the above link to mod.gov.

Agenda Item	District(s)/Borough(s)
<p>Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>20 September 2021</p> <p>The Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following matters:</p> <p>Transforming Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) update Committee considered and noted the Transforming Urgent and Emergency Care programme and the engagement plan. Members raised matters of concern relating to current pressures, UEC arrangements, patient experiences and joined up processes. Committee was assured that the engagement process would be as wide as possible, it will also look at pathways of care and lessons learned through the pandemic. Committee considered the process to be an opportunity to improve services and patient experience and asked District and Borough Councillors to share the consultation widely to ensure District, Borough and Parish voices are heard. A further report was requested to consider feedback.</p> <p>Difficult Decisions Update Committee considered and noted the Difficult Decisions engagement process regarding five areas of care: assisted conception, hearing aids for non-complex hearing loss (Mild hearing loss only), male and female sterilisation, breast augmentation and reconstruction and removal of excess skin following significant weight loss. They commented on the need to ensure consistency across Staffordshire for residents, the need for service user engagement and to use feedback from engagement to develop processes. A further report was requested to consider feedback.</p> <p>Phase 3 Covid Vaccination Update Committee considered and noted the current position relating to the vaccination programme and take up of vaccinations. There was an increase in Covid case rates across Staffordshire and targeted work is ongoing, alongside campaigns to inform those with concerns about getting vaccinated. There is a good take</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p> <p>All Districts and Boroughs</p> <p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>

<p>from young people and SCC care home staff, and front facing health and care staff are being encouraged to get vaccinated, although this is not mandated. Members welcomed the progress made and thanked all involved for the fast response. There is an all member seminar to update on Covid-19 on 29 September 2021.</p> <p>Covid-19 Update Committee received a detailed presentation. There is a high case rate however double vaccination cases are mainly symptomatic and death rates are down. Committee concerns related to the early emergence of winter pressures and non-Covid infections that were impacting on the system. They understood the need to vaccinate across all age bands to protect older people and to vaccinate younger people for the protection of the Community.</p> <p>District and Borough Health Scrutiny Updates District and Borough Council representatives reported on matters arising from District and Borough meetings. As a result, two additional items have been added to the Work Programme 2021-22: (i) an update on GP Access, which was requested by more than one district representative; (ii) an invitation to West Midlands Ambulance Service to attend Health and Care O&S Committee.</p> <p>Work Programme 2021-22 Note that the Introduction to Mental Health session is on 21 October 2021. All members are requested to pass details of the Mental Health Survey 2022 to District, Borough and Parish members.</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p> <p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>
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Their next meeting will be held on Monday 25 October 2021 at 10.00 am, County Buildings, Stafford.