

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 25 October 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 25 October 2021 - [link to Agenda and reports pack](#):

[Agenda for Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 25th October 2021, 10:00am - Staffordshire County Council](#)

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<p>The Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following matters:</p> <p>Quality Assurance of Independent Hospitals providing care for patients with Mental Health and/or Learning Disabilities</p> <p>Committee considered the criteria outlined to ensure that patients in Staffordshire and in external provision were safe and receiving the best possible care. Measures introduced in line with the guidance included a programme of monthly reviews with providers, face to face meetings where possible, 6-8 weekly visits and closer contact with host commissioners where placements were out of County. The proposed way forward was to develop community placements in the County with advice and support from specialist services, members suggested further discussions with Housing Associations. Committee requested that a report capturing lessons learned from the Eldertree Lodge Independent Mental Hospital closure be shared with the Committee.</p> <p>Transformation Programme Update</p> <p>An update on the process to develop proposals and business cases was considered relating to Maternity, Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC), George Bryan Centre, Difficult Decisions, Community Diagnostic Hubs, and interdependencies between programmes. Members understood that feedback from this sense check phase and other relevant data would result in a shortlist of proposals for the consultation phase. Concerns were raised about face-to-face consultation in the process, assurance was given that the CCG was working with Healthwatch and other voluntary</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p> <p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>

sector groups to carry out face to face sessions as part of the consultation. Committee requested that the CCG pass its comments on to NHS England relating to its current guidance on face-to-face consultation.

Performance Overview and Dashboard

The report detailed performance data with focus was on referral times, diagnostic timelines, metrics, and information relating to Urgent and Emergency Care UEC and winter pressures. Committee understood the pressures outlined and that NHS was facing its most challenging winter period. The Chairman welcomed the report and dashboard as a positive step toward building an overall dashboard of health across the County, this would be rolled down into Districts and Boroughs to inform scrutiny work to improve the health of residents.

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Walley's Quarry Health Implications Update

Committee considered updates from the Environment Agency, UK Security Agency and Public Health relating to the health risk assessment of air quality monitoring, measures taken to reduce the off-site odours from the landfill site and recent findings from surveys to measure odour and symptoms experienced by residents living close to Walley's Quarry.

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Members were satisfied with progress to implement measures to reduce the odour from the landfill site and that current air pollution data was reducing month on month but highlighted that the odour was still causing temporary discomfort to residents and having an impact on resident's mental health. Committee agreed to carry on monitoring trends in the resident's survey and air pollution, and to consider any potential mental health and long-term health impacts for residents. It was agreed to receive a further update, including issues relating to mental health of residents, in 3 months' time.

Covid-19 Update

Committee received an update which detailed the current position in relation to management of Covid-19, case rates, hospitalisations, death rate and infection rates. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

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Their next meeting will be held on Monday 29 November 2021 at 10.00 am, County Buildings, Stafford.