

**Summary of the main items of business from the  
Staffordshire Health Scrutiny Committee meeting – 30 April 2012**

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<p>The Committee held Cabinet Member Robert Marshall, whose remit covers Public Health, to account for the County Council's progress towards its priority outcome that Staffordshire is a place where people live longer, healthier and fulfilling lives. Supported by Aliko Ahmed, Director of Public Health, he answered a range of questions on his public health self assessment report. At the request of scrutiny, the report and discussion focused on performance in the following areas: falls; NHS health checks; childhood obesity; maternal smoking; flu vaccinations; and the development of the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p> <p>The Committee have written to the Cabinet Member with a number of comments and recommendations in these areas (a copy of the letter is attached).</p> <p>As a result of the discussion about falls prevention, the Committee would like to encourage Members to report any pavement defects that are a trip hazard via LocalView:  <a href="http://localview.staffordshire.gov.uk/lvinternet/Report.aspx?step=1">http://localview.staffordshire.gov.uk/lvinternet/Report.aspx?step=1</a> .</p>	All
<b>Report of the Scrutiny and Support Manager</b>	
<p>Work programme 2011/12 - Any outstanding work programme items (and suggestions arising from the Triangulation meeting with the relevant Cabinet Members held on 17 April 2012) would be considered for inclusion in the next year's work programme. The scrutiny committee structure would be agreed at the County Council's annual council meeting on 17 May 2012. (It was intended to continue to have District/Borough Members on the Committee.) After this, there would be a process of work programme planning and discussion about joint working (including Local Involvement</p>	All

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<p>Network representation). The County Council had the role of co-ordinating health scrutiny (to avoid both gaps and duplication) and was likely, as previously, to hold a workshop for this purpose. Members' and District/Borough supporting officers' views on Accountability Sessions had been sought and the Sessions were expected to continue. The frequency of the Sessions for Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust was being discussed with Stafford Borough Council.</p>	
<p>Following the decision taken by the Primary Care Trust (PCT) Cluster in relation to inpatient Mental Health services across south Staffordshire (option three involving the closure of the Margaret Stanhope Centre), a copy of the Board papers detailing the reasons for the decision and outcomes from the consultation, including the response to the Committee's recommendations, had been sent to Committee Members. The Staffordshire Health Scrutiny Committee would lead on following up the implementation of the changes.</p>	<p>District/Borough Councils in south Staffordshire</p>
<p>Following a meeting on 23 April 2012, the Chair reported that she was more reassured that that feedback, risk management and monitoring arrangements for the current commissioned arrangements for child protection medicals were robust. She would ask Sally Rowe, Head of Families First, to let scrutiny know if there were any further issues. She remained concerned about future arrangements, particularly in the move from PCTs to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). She would advise the CCGs of the discussion and ask the PCT and CCGs to make sure that this matter remained a priority.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>The Vice-Chair and Scrutiny and Support Manager had an introductory meeting at Good Hope Hospital (Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust) on 19 April 2012 with Sue Moore (Executive Director Lead) and Alistair Williamson (Associate Medical Director).</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>A letter had been sent to NHS provider trusts advising them of the approach to providing health scrutiny commentary on Quality Accounts this year.</p>	<p>All</p>

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<p>Rather than trusts presenting their accounts at scrutiny meetings, Members were encouraged to go to any relevant Quality Account events that the trusts might put on. Invitations to events would be forwarded to the relevant Members.</p> <p>The draft commentaries on the Quality Accounts would be sent for comments to the relevant health scrutiny Chairs.</p>	
<p>The latest issue of the Trauma Care Network News (Issue 4) had been published. Please see link below:  <a href="http://www.wmsc.nhs.uk/uploaded_media/TCNN%20bulletin%20Issue%204final.pdf">http://www.wmsc.nhs.uk/uploaded_media/TCNN%20bulletin%20Issue%204final.pdf</a></p>	All
<p>At the Committee meeting on 12 March 2012, when Members considered North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust's Foundation Trust consultation, the Committee asked for information about the developing pathways and the Trust agreed to supply the new mental health clusters. This information had been received and circulated to Committee Members.</p>	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
<p>In regard to stroke, there was a possible opportunity for scrutiny involvement in the specification of certain community services. A Member and officer had been invited to sit in on an initial steering group meeting. The Chair would attend unless unavailable in which case she would nominate the Vice-Chair or another Member to do so.</p>	All
<p>The Committee received <b>District/Borough Health Scrutiny Updates</b>.</p>	All
<p><b>Local Involvement Network (LINK) Update</b> - David Bassett presented their annual report.</p>	All