

HEALTH SCRUTINY

Title	Action	Method of Scrutiny and Way Forward
Consultation on Mental Health Services	Response submitted to Staffordshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee – Still concerns that clear pathways were not in place and that proposals had not been thought through adequately.	The Committee considered an update issued by the North Staffordshire combined Health Care Trust outlining progress made on the public consultation for
Fit For the Future and move of the Accident and Emergency Centre	<p>Visit to new A & E now taken place</p> <p>Phased transfer to the new hospital was proceeding to plan.</p> <p>There was still concern regarding the reduction in beds which would need to be monitored by the Committee.</p> <p>There was still concern regarding the bus routes to Bradwell Hospital and it was agreed to write to the County Council regarding these concerns.</p> <p>Updates required regarding progress of the New A&E – County Council as lead authority.</p>	<p>The Chair requested that should any risks or problems materialise then the Committee be informed at an early stage and that this would remove the requirement for regular updates regarding the move.</p> <p>The Committee discussed that best time to visit the new site of the A&E department and decided to aim for January when the building had been handed over, the visit would also be open to colleagues from the County Council Health Scrutiny Committee.</p>
Review of Major Trauma Services	Recommendation accepted and Trauma Service to remain at North Staffs FINISHED	Recommendation submitted to the County Council.

INFANT MORTALITY

SCC Health Scrutiny Committee to seek involvement in work on excess seasonal winter mortality in their area and Newcastle Borough Council Health Scrutiny Committee to seek scrutiny involvement in work on infant mortality in their area.

**Report to be provided to the next meeting of the Committee and project brief.
Project brief to be completed.**

PRIORITY

**A set of questions had been sent to the Director of Public Health for consideration at the next meeting prior to the setting up of a possible working group. Awaiting Responses.
The Committee had been requested by the County Council Health Scrutiny Committee to look into infant mortality rates in Newcastle under Lyme.**

Partial response received from the Director of Public Health but further information required as a matter of urgency. A Joint Committee has been set up to look into the issue and the Borough Council will have a representative on this. The Scrutiny Committee will write to this Joint Committee requesting progress reports and results were expected by the 2nd Scrutiny meeting following the elections. The Director of Public Health would be requested to answer the remaining questions on the Scrutiny Brief.

Cardiac Rehabilitation Response to County Council Health Scrutiny Report regarding phase IV Cardiac Rehabilitation	Work being undertaken by the Executive Director for Operational Services regarding Phase 3 and 4 Cardiac rehab being carried out at the new J2. Publicity would be circulated regarding the walk for life programme.	Concern that the PCT were taking too long and that if the pace was not increased Jubilee 2 would not be able to accommodate the cardiac rehabilitation customers.
Closure of High Street Practice Newcastle under Lyme	The Committee received a presentation from representatives of the PCT at its meeting on 7 th November 2011. FINISHED	That the PCT be asked to provide regular updates on the progress made on the dispersal of patients from the High Street Practice. That the PCT be asked to keep the Committee advised of any proposals to run clinical services from the High Street premises.

Services Provided by GPs and Publicity	At its meeting on 7 th November 2011 the Committee questioned representatives from the PCT regarding concerns expressed at a previous meeting relating to arrangements that were in place to enable patients to access phlebotomy services other than at the University Hospital of North Staffordshire. FINISHED	That the PCT be asked to look at updating current information on the availability of services in the community and providing improved information on how to contact NHS Direct.
Neuroradiology Review Final Report	<p>Question regarding this were referred to the accountability session which was held at the Civic Offices on 10th November 2011.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the responses received from the UHNS and it was agreed that further clarification be sought regarding some of the answers and a further report on this matter be brought to a subsequent meeting.</p> <p>FINISHED</p>	The Committee would continue to monitor the situation.
Health and Wellbeing Strategy PRIORITY	<p>During consideration of this matter the Chairman expressed the view that the Borough Council should have two representatives on the County Council's Health and Wellbeing Board and that through the development of our own Strategy document demonstrate that we were making positive steps regarding this issue.</p> <p>Priority</p> <p>A presentation was given to the Committee at its meeting on 3rd April regarding the new Local Public Health agenda</p>	It was hoped that a first draft of the Strategy would be available in the New Year.

Health and wellbeing Board	A case for increased local authority representation on the Board would be prepared in consultation with the Chair and forwarded to the County Council's Cabinet Member for Adult Services.	
Phlebotomy Services	Appeared to have improved following a publicity campaign by the PCT but further publicity was required regarding services at Bradwell Hospital.	
UHNS Complaints procedure	<p>UHNS would be requested to provide details of its complains procedures to the committee. Still awaiting documentation.</p> <p>The Committee expressed concerns regarding the length of the procedure and comments would be passed back to the hospital.</p>	