

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Monday 11 April 2022
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 11 April 2022 - links to Agenda and reports pack:

[Agenda for Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 11th April 2022, 10:00am - Staffordshire County Council](#)

For further detail of items considered view the webcast of the meeting following the above link.

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The Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following matters:

Cannock Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) Update

Committee was advised that the CCG was looking to provide a step-in provider to provide services at the Cannock MIU and that they were working towards re-opening the service in June 2022.

Care Home Update

Care homes have faced a number of challenges during the Covid pandemic, and the Council has provided a range of support. Longer term the Council has a range of commissioning initiatives underway in order to achieve its strategic objectives. This report provided Overview and Scrutiny with a further update on the care home sector following the last update in January 2021. Committee considered the ongoing challenges and support to care homes, and longer-term commissioning initiatives. Changes since the last meeting included the Discretionary Fee Review, care home Covid controls being relaxed in case of outbreaks and Government guidance update on PCR and LFT tests.

NHS Approach to Climate Change

The NHS has ambitious targets to become net carbon zero by 2045 in support the UK Government commitment to be net carbon zero by 2050. This will require the NHS to adopt a wide-ranging programme of change across several areas which are in the report. The report also captures the work that has been done to date, the work currently in progress and the work that will need to be done through collaboration across partners over the coming years. The NHS will not

be able to deliver all of these measures in isolation and will require the support of, and ability to work with, a wide range of partners including Local Authorities at both upper and lower tier level. The Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care System (ICS) is required to produce an ICS Green Plan by 31st March 2022. The launch webinar event will take place in May 2022.

Spotlight Review of Sexual Harassment in Schools

Members of the Safeguarding, Health and Care and Prosperous Overview and Scrutiny Committees formed a spotlight review group to consider the sexual harassment in Schools. Ofsted commissioned a rapid review into the “Everyone’s Invited” phenomenon, June 2020 where thousands of testimonies of victims of rape and sexual violence were posted online for all to see, a proportion were from children and young people where schools were named- these have now been anonymised. The Ofsted report was published on 10 June 2021. The most significant finding – all schools should assume that it is happening in their school and take appropriate steps.

In response to the public concern and the Ofsted Report, three of the O&S committees of Staffordshire County Council (SCC) set up the Spotlight Review, to engage with a wide range of witnesses and consider how well schools and agencies were responding. The Spotlight Review Report has been considered by all three overview and scrutiny committees which have endorsed the recommendations for them to be presented to the Cabinet Member in June 2022.

Work programme

The final stages of the Ockenden Review Report had been published. The Chairman had met with the Chief Executive Designate ICS and was assured that an initial review of maternity services against the recommendations in the Ockenden report was satisfactory. The Committee will consider the Ockenden review outcomes and update on maternity services in Staffordshire on the work programme in July or September 2022.

Their next meeting will be held on Monday 30 May 2022 at 10.00 am, County Buildings, Stafford.