

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S
REPORT TO**

Health Wellbeing and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
23 June 2022

Report Title: Planning for Integrated Care Hubs

Submitted by: Chief Executive

Portfolios: Community Safety and Wellbeing

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To appoint 4 Councillors to a Joint Scrutiny Working Group to engage in proposals from the Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust for Integrated Care Hubs in this Borough and Staffordshire Moorlands district.

Recommendation

That four Councillors be appointed onto a Joint Scrutiny Working Group to undertake scrutiny work on the proposals from Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust for Integrated Care Hubs.

Reasons

To respond to an invitation from Staffordshire County Council's Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee to participate in joint scrutiny work.

1. **Background**

1.1 Staffordshire County Council has a statutory role to undertake health scrutiny and does this through its Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (H&COSC). On 31 January 2022 the Committee received a presentation from the Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT) on proposals to develop Integrated Care Hubs to provide services to residents of North Staffordshire. There would be four hubs including one at Bradwell Hospital. The H&COSC has set up a Joint Scrutiny Working Group and invites this Council to appoint four Members onto the Working Group.

2. **Issues**

2.1 The proposals by MPFT to develop Integrated Care Hubs were presented to the H&COSC on 31 January 2022; in summary Care Hubs will be a single point of access to services with one referral form. There will be flexible spaces within the Hubs which can be used for a range of uses.

2.2 The background to this topic can be found in the link below to the item from the meeting of the H&COSC meeting of 31 January 2022:

<https://moderngov.staffordshire.gov.uk/mgChooseDocPack.aspx?ID=13463>

2.3 Following the H&COSC on 31 January, an informal meeting was held between the Chairs of the H&COSC, this Committee and the relevant Committee of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council. At this meeting it was agreed to set up a Working Group of Councillors, supported by officers, from the three local authorities.

2.4 It was agreed that there would be a maximum of eight Councillors (four from each District) appointed onto the Working Group. The Working Group will be a sub group of the Staffordshire Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny committee and chaired by the H&COSC Vice Chair, Councillor Richard Cox.

2.5 At least one representative from the Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust will be actively supporting the deliberations of the Working Group at each of its meetings.

2.6 Once the Working Group has been established, an initial meeting will be arranged (this will be a virtual meeting) to agree the Terms of Reference and timescales.

3. **Proposal**

3.1 Four Councillors be appointed onto a Joint Scrutiny Working Group to undertake scrutiny work on the proposals from Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust for Integrated Care Hubs.

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

4.1 To respond to the invitation from the H&COSC to participate in joint scrutiny work.

5. **Options Considered**

5.1 The council could decide not to participate which means it will have less involvement in arrangements that affect health services in the Borough.

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

6.1 The Head of Legal and Governance is content that the joint scrutiny working group can be lawfully constituted as proposed.

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

7.1 No issues arising

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

8.1 The financial impacts are officer time which are within existing budgets.

9. **Major Risks**

9.1 N/A.

10. **UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)**



11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 This is not a key decision.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 None.

13. **List of Appendices**

13.1 None.

14. **Background Papers**

14.1 None.