

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

[Agenda for Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 11th July 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:

Integrated Care System (ICS) and Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Committee received an update on the establishment of the ICS which included: ICB Board appointments, Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) strategy development, delivery portfolios, Place working, provider collaboratives, clinical professional leadership and 'Working with People and Communities Strategy'. Committee noted the process and highlighted the importance of communication, the need for residents to understand where the linkages are, and also the need to focus on the outcomes for residents.

Items were added to the Committee Work Programme relating to the Dentistry Service and the Working with People and Communities Strategy. Committee requested further information about targets across the system on patient flow through hospitals and links to the Working with People and Communities Strategy and how to register for the ICS information roadshow.

Primary Care Access

Committee received a report which provided context and key drivers to the current situation regarding general practice access (GP access) in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. They considered the update on progress, noted completed actions and achievements and the next steps which were outlined in the seven-point action plan relating to communications, access improvement programme (Accelerator Programme), record keeping, digital solutions, quality,

variation, and resilience, training and development, and workload initiatives. A further update will be considered in the Autumn.

Transformation Programme - Maternity Services

Committee received an update on maternity services transformation, the temporary closure of free-standing midwife-led birthing services and an update on progress against recommendations of the Donna Ockenden report about failings at Shropshire and Telford Hospital. Members welcomed the plans for communication, recruiting and retention of midwives. Further data regarding current numbers of midwives in Staffordshire would be circulated.

Healthwatch report

The Committee received a report on the structure, outline focus and approach, and progress of the Staffordshire Healthwatch (SHW) service. Support Staffordshire became the new service provider with effect from 1 April 2022. Committee noted that the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committees role was two-fold, both to scrutinise the work of the Healthwatch contract, and as a partner in terms of communication and collaboration. Staffordshire Healthwatch agreed to share performance metrics and structure for performance management approach when finalised.

The Families Health & Wellbeing (0-19) Service

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People provided a report and presentation relating to the Families' Health & Wellbeing (0-19) Service from 1st April 2024 in private session.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1 August 2022 at 10.00 am, County Buildings, Stafford.