

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

District and Borough Council 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 meetings of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 30 January 2023.

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Integrated Care Partnership Strategy

The Committee considered the Integrated Care Partnership Strategy and were informed that it was an overarching strategy across the whole of Staffordshire with a focus on people and communities which would underpin Health and Wellbeing Strategies across Staffordshire. The Committee were informed that there was a statutory mandate to produce the Integrated Care Partnership Strategy by 31 March 2023. The Committee agreed to receive the strategy and consider questions around the priorities of the strategy and feedback to the ICS by 1 March 2023.

Inpatient Mental Health services previously provided by the George Bryan Centre

The Committee received an update report on Inpatient Mental Health services previously provided by the George Bryan Centre. The assurance stage of the process had now been completed having now received formal feedback from NHS England and the ICB had approved the recommendations:

- 1) To formally approve
 - a) Pre-Consultation Business Case and appendices
 - b) Communication and Involvement Plan
 - c) Consultation Document
- 2) To approve the recommendation to proceed to public consultation on the single viable proposal to make permanent the 18 beds at St George's Hospital, Stafford, supported by enhanced community provision
- 3) To approve that the consultation period to be 6 weeks.

The Committee noted the update around the programme of work and agreed that the proposal was not deemed to be a substantial change to services in the area.

Developing Integrated Care Hubs in the context of changes to NHS capital arrangements

The Committee received an update report and presentation on Developing Integrated Care Hubs. The report highlighted that in 2019 the CCGs undertook a 14-week consultation which informed a decision-making business case which resulted in the plan to introduce 4 Integrated Care Hubs across North Staffordshire at Leek Moorlands District Hospital, Bradwell Hospital, Haywood Hospital and Longton. The Committee were advised that due to national changes to Capital Departmental Expenditure Limit and NHS England setting capital spending limits for Foundation Trusts, MPFT were no longer able to access cash reserves which were held for the purpose of implementing the hubs. Instead, a strategic outline case would need to be

developed for each hub in order to bid for money. The Committee agreed to write to NHS England to express their disappointment in the decision.

District and Borough Health Scrutiny Health Activity – Developing Healthier Communities.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the executive response relating to the recommendations for Developing Healthier Communities.

“The key will be for districts and boroughs to review the recommendations in the context of their own organisation/locality and determine how they want to proceed. SCC public health officers are available to help shape these plans and provide advice and guidance, if needed.

I also want to make sure Members are aware that a paper has been submitted to the district CEOs group on 26th January 2023. The paper was sponsored by Dave Heywood and Tim Clegg, and included some similar recommendations for high impact action on health inequalities (one of the Leader’s Board priorities), which will tie in with the recommendations identified here.”

The Chairman requested that the District/Borough representatives raise the recommendations within the report with their Councils to review the recommendations in the context of their own organisation.

Follow this link to view the [Developing Healthier Communities Workshop Report \(staffordshire.gov.uk\)](https://staffordshire.gov.uk)

To see the reports in full and view the webcast of the meeting see the links below:

[Agenda for Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 30th January 2023, 10:00am - Staffordshire County Council](#)

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13 February 2023 at 10.00 am, County Buildings, Stafford.

