

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 20 March 2023.

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Social Care Workforce Update

The Committee considered the Social Care Workforce Update and were informed that the Strategy detailed key actions as a collective partnership to support the on-going challenges faced by the Staffordshire social care workforce. The Committee were advised that in 2021/22 there were 21,000 filled posts in Staffordshire:

- 11,500 employees working in residential and nursing care settings (marking a reduction of approx. 500 staff),
- 7,200 providing home care (marking a reduction of approx. 700 staff)
- 950 working in community-based care (including day opportunities).
- 1,400 personal assistants (providing support to both children and adult, and on behalf of the NHS).

By 2024 it was projected that a workforce of 23,983 would be required.

The Committee noted the progress made to date and agreed to host a focussed session on social care education in colleges and host a round table discussion with care providers to seek their views on the strategy.

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB update on 2023/24 Operational Plan

The Committee received the ICB update 2023/24 Operational Plan and were informed that the ICS was required to agree three planning documents:

- A plan for the financial year 2023/24 (reflecting local and national priorities)
- A five year 'Joint Forward Plan'
- A Strategy

The Committee were advised that the financial position had been challenging. Over COVID the ICB broke even and it was expected to break even this year (22/23). It was reported that four priorities had been identified in 2023/24:

- Urgent and emergency care
- Tackling backlogs
- General practice
- Complex individuals.

The Committee noted the ICBs approach and current position in the development of the Operational Plan and requested the first quarter performance at a future meeting.

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 20th March 2023, 10:00am - Staffordshire County Council](#)

There is a training session on 22 May 2023 TBC.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12 June 2023 at 10.00 am, County Buildings, Stafford.

