

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 18 March 2024

District and Borough Health Scrutiny Activity

Recommendation

I recommend that:

1. The report be received, and consideration be given to any matters arising from the Health Scrutiny activity being undertaken by the Staffordshire District and Borough Councils, as necessary.

Summary

1. The Committee receives updates at each meeting to consider any matters arising from the Health Scrutiny activity being undertaken by the Staffordshire District and Borough Councils.

Background

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2001 confers on local authorities with social services functions powers to undertake scrutiny of health matters. The County Council currently have responsibility for social services functions but, to manage health scrutiny more effectively, they have agreed with the eight District/Borough Councils in the County to operate joint working arrangements.
3. Each District/Borough Council has a committee in which holds the remit for health and wellbeing scrutiny matters and matters that have a specifically local theme. The Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee will continue to deal with matters that impact on the whole or large parts of the County and that require wider debate across Staffordshire.
4. District and Borough Councils each have a representative from the County Council Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a member of the relevant committee with remit for health scrutiny matters. The County Councillors will update the District and Borough Councils on matters considered by the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A summary of matters considered by this committee is circulated to District and Borough Councils for information.
5. It is anticipated that the District and Borough Councillors who are members of this committee will present the update of matters considered at the District

and Borough committees to the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

6. The following is a summary of the health scrutiny activity which has been undertaken at the District/Borough Council level since the last meeting of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28 November 2022.

Cannock Chase District Council

The Health, Wellbeing and The Community Scrutiny Committee met on 5 December 2023

Date next meeting: 18 March 2024.

East Staffordshire Borough Council

The Scrutiny Health and Well Being Committee met on 12th September 2023.

Date next meeting: 19 March 2024.

Lichfield District Council

Lichfield District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 19 December 2023.

Date of next meeting: 30 January 2024.

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

Newcastle Borough Council's Health, Wellbeing and Environment Scrutiny Committee met on the 26 February, 2024.

The Committee received reports and considered the following matters:

- Walley's Quarry – update on Odour Issues
- Youth Health and Wellbeing and Play Provision
- A review of the 850 Celebration Year
- Biodiversity and Tree Management Plan

As regards future issues the Committee agreed to add the following matters to its Work Programme:

- Clarity on A53 Bus Gate Provision
- Kidsgrove Care solutions

- Overview of housing provision
- Leisure Centres tackling childhood obesity
- Avontier Care Centre – provision for adults/social care

South Staffordshire District Council

South Staffordshire Councils Wellbeing Select Committee last met on 5th December 2023. The following matters were considered.

Health Inequalities Funding

A presentation was delivered by the Corporate Director Place & Communities and the Assistant Director Community Services (South Staffordshire Council) on Health Inequalities Funding and how this could be utilised to challenges within South Staffordshire.

District/Boroughs Councils within Staffordshire, via the Health Inequalities Directors' Group (HIDG), have been given access to funding to tackle health inequalities. The funding is via remaining Covid Outbreak Management Funding (COMF), held by Staffordshire County Council (SCC) and will be split across three approved funding streams.

- Health Care & Hardship
- Strengthening Existing Health and Wellbeing Programmes
- Housing & Health Hot Spot Areas

Should South Staffordshire Councils application be successful the funding will be open access to council teams, the voluntary and community sector and local businesses, who can apply to deliver programmes that meet the required criteria and help to reduce health inequalities within the district.

Healthwatch Staffordshire

Healthwatch Staffordshire carried out a presentation updating on their work across South Staffordshire focussing on the recent round of deep dives and the key priorities for Healthwatch during 2024/25.

Work Programme

The Assistant Director Community Services gave an overview of the committees work programme for the remainder of 23/24 and requested Members come forward with any additional local Health and Wellbeing issues that can be referred to the committee.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 13 February 2024

- Health Inequalities funding update
- Falls Prevention
- CQC

Stafford Borough Council

Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 16 January 2024. Councillor Edgeller presented the County Digest update. We had a presentation from Homes Plus which generated a question and answer session. Homes Plus own 80% of the social housing stock in the Borough and are a key partner who has a direct impact on the health and wellbeing of the Borough's residents.

The next meeting will be 31 March 2024 and will include:

- Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee update
- Performance Update for Q3
- Presentation - Disabled Facilities Grants
- Presentation - Recycling
- Presentation - Community Wellbeing Partnership

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

The Council's Health and Wellbeing Committee met on 6 December 2023.

Members received a presentation on Better Health Staffordshire and the Chair provided an update on the meeting of the Health & Care O&S Committee 13 Nov 2023, in terms of the performance of the West Midlands Ambulance Service.

The following items were suggested by members as future items for the work programme:

- Support and funding for locally based voluntary groups
- Further work on Dementia and request Approach Dementia Support to make a presentation to the Panel.

The Committee is next due to meet on 13 March 2024.

Tamworth Borough Council

The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 28 November 2023

Date next meeting: 23 January 2024.

Link to Strategic Plan

7. Scrutiny work programmes are aligned to the ambitions and delivery of the principles, priorities, and outcomes of the Staffordshire Corporate Plan.

Link to Other Overview and Scrutiny Activity

8. The update reports provide overview of scrutiny activity across Borough and Districts, shares good practice, and highlights emerging concerns which inform work programmes for Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committees across Staffordshire.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

Council	District/ Borough Representative on CC	County Council Representative on DC/BC
Cannock Chase	Cllr David Williams	Cllr Phil Hewitt
East Staffordshire	Cllr Monica Holton	Cllr Philip Atkins
Lichfield	Cllr Leona Leung	Cllr Janice Sylvester-Hall
Newcastle	Cllr Ian Wilkes	Cllr Ian Wilkes
South Staffordshire	Cllr Val Chapman	Cllr Kath Perry
Stafford BC	Cllr Ann Edgeller	Cllr Ann Edgeller
Staffordshire Moorlands	Cllr John Jones	Cllr Keith Flunder
Tamworth	Cllr Chris Bain	Cllr Jason Jones

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