

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 28 October 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 2 July 2024.

Date next meeting: 17 September 2024.

East Staffordshire Borough Council

The Scrutiny Health and Well Being Committee met on 19 March 2024.

Our committee has just concluded a review into exercise provision for young people aged 12-18. Members were pleased to hear of the work going on in East Staffs to tackle health issues and have recommended that the leisure provider (Everyone Active) provide the committee with six monthly updates. In addition, members are recommending that those living in wards that experience higher health inequalities are further incentivised to be active.

Lichfield District Council

Lichfield District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 6 June 2024

Date of next meeting: 23 July 2024.

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's Health, Wellbeing & Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 16 September 2024. The following matters were considered:

Walleys Quarry Odour Issues
Sustainable Environment Strategy Update
Neighbourhood Delivery Team – Scope and Purpose
Animal Welfare Strategy

Date of next meeting: 25 November 2024.

South Staffordshire District Council

South Staffordshire Councils Wellbeing Select Committee last met on Tuesday 11th June 2024. The following matters were considered.

Codsall & Billbrook Cancer Support Group

The support group attended the committee to update on their work and how the approach provided could be a model to be used in other areas of the district. The group provides support for members of the community living with cancer and their family, friends, and carers. The group offers emotional support, information and advice with face-to-face group meetings held every third Friday of the month. Meetings include updates on cancer treatments and talks by health professionals. Therapy sessions, walks and workshops are also offered.

UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) Enhancing Health & Wellbeing

Members received a presentation on the progress of two UKSPF funded programmes that are targeting Health & Wellbeing improvements across the district. South Staffordshire has an increasing aged demographic that is becoming less active according to the most recent Sport England Active Lifestyles report. The Council's Health in the Community Programme involves the provision of gentle exercise classes and wellbeing walks. The gentle exercise class programme and wellbeing walks are delivered from community settings and designed to meet the needs of older residents who would otherwise struggle to access provision from one of the Council's four leisure facilities.

The second programme targeting open space improvements is Delivering improvements to open spaces including the replacement of aged infrastructure or the implementation of new infrastructure to improve accessibility, safety and enjoyment of residents using open spaces across South Staffordshire.

Work Programme

The Assistant Director Community Services gave an overview of the committees work programme for 24/25 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 10th September 2024

- Healthwatch Staffordshire Cross Border Health

- Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee update
- Health Inequalities Funding Update

Stafford Borough Council

Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 26 June 2024. The meeting was preceded by with a presentation by Andy Man's Club. We had a Disabled Facilities Grants presentation followed by a question and answer session.

The next meeting will be 19 September 2024.

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

The Council's Health and Wellbeing Committee is due to meet on 13 March 2024.


The following items are listed for consideration at this meeting:

- Feedback from the Chair on the Staffordshire County Council Health & Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- Cost of Living Update
- Update on Health Inequalities Funding Application

Tamworth Borough Council

The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 16 July 2024

Date next meeting: 17 September 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 Amanda Dunnett	Cllr Phil Hewitt
East Staffordshire	Cllr Alison Legg	Cllr Philip Atkins
Lichfield	Cllr Leona Leung	Cllr Janice Silvester-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 Charlotte Atkins
Tamworth	Cllr Chris Bain	Cllr Jason Jones

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