

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 03 March 2025

District and Borough Health Scrutiny Activity

Recommendation

I recommend that:

- a. 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

Cannock Chase Council's Health, Wellbeing and The Community Scrutiny Committee met on 16 December 2024.

The Chair confirmed that an invite had been extended to Peter Axon, the Chief Executive of the Integrated Care Board/Integrated Care Partnership to attend a future meeting to discuss the situation concerning the Minor Injuries Unit located at Cannock Chase Hospital.

The Committee also discussed the Quarter 2 progress report, received a presentation on the Street scene and Natural Environment and received an update on the work being undertaken by the Review of the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy Working Group.

Date of next meeting: 31 March 2025.

East Staffordshire Borough Council

The Scrutiny Health and Wellbeing Committee met on 7 October 2024.

Date next meeting: 27 January 2025.

Lichfield District Council

Lichfield District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 2 December 2024

Date of next meeting: 28 January 2025.



Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council's Health, Wellbeing & Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 25th November 2024 where members received and considered the following reports:

- Walleys Quarry update
- Scrutiny Review of the Borough's parks and open spaces
- Tree Risk Management Strategy.

Date of next meeting: 3rd March 2025.

South Staffordshire District Council

South Staffordshire Councils Wellbeing Select Committee last met on Tuesday 3rd December 2024. The following matters were considered.

Welfare Support

The Assistant Director Welfare Services gave Members an overview of the work of the team including, the reasons why residents enter financial hardship, the support available from the council and its partners and what has been achieved over the past twelve months.

- Made 94 awards of Discretionary Housing Payments, totalling £48,480 to support those who are struggling with rent costs.
- Supported 122 residents with payments of £19,625 onto their Council Tax accounts.
- Facilitated food parcels for 64 residents and signposted to other support.
- Supported local businesses to enable retraining for 79 of their employees.
- Enabled 179 residents to gain a qualification.
- Through our advice and support, 144 residents have reported reduced structural barriers into employment and skills provision.
- Provided the tools and support that has enabled 71, Economically Inactive residents to engage in job searching, with 36 moving into employment.

Relate

Officers from Relate Birmingham & Black Country attended to update Members on the Choose to Change programme with the core purpose focusing on the responsibility for ending abuse sitting with those who perpetrate it and shifting the burden away from those experiencing harm. The team's work is currently focused on supporting survivors to act and change their lives

Community Safety Partnership Action

The Council's Community Wellbeing and Partnership Officer and the Police Commander for South Staffordshire Police provided a twelve-month performance update against the South Staffordshire Community Safety Partnership Action Plan 2023-2026.

- Overall crime has decreased by 9%
- Burglary Residential Dwellings – 8% decrease
- Burglary Business and Commercial: - 25% decrease
- Vehicle Crime – Theft from Motor Vehicle - 17% decrease
- Vehicle Crime – Theft of Motor Vehicle – 11% increase
- Domestic Abuse - 13% decrease
- Serious Violence – 11% decrease
- Violence against women and girls offences have decreased by 8%.
- Incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour - 20% decrease
- Criminal Justice outcome rate is 22%. The force ambition is 16%

Date of next meeting Tuesday 4th March 2025.

Stafford Borough Council

Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 15 January 2025 and received presentations regarding Health Inequalities Projects and Homelessness Strategy. The Scrutiny Committee next meets on 20 March 2025.

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

The Council's Health and Wellbeing Committee met on 20 November 2024.

Consideration was given to the following items:

- The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2024
- A proposed Local Strategic Partnership
- Feedback from members who attended the Urgent Treatment Centres Public Engagement Events in Leek
- Feedback from the Chair on the Staffordshire County Council Health & Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Including the performance of the West Midlands Ambulance Service)

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 5 March 2025.

Tamworth Borough Council



The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 27 November 2024

Date next meeting: 11 February 2025.



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 Fred Prestwood	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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