

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 10 November 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.

Cannock Chase District Council

Cannock Chase Council's Health, Wellbeing and The Community Scrutiny Committee held their first meeting of the year on 16 June 2025.

The Committee were informed that representatives from the ICB would be attending the next meeting on 15 September to give an update in respect of the Minor Injuries Unit at Cannock Chase Hospital.

The Committee received the Annual Scrutiny Business Report 2024/25, End of Year Performance 2024/25 and discussed the Work Programme for 2025/26. The Committee agreed several items which included two presentations and a review topic which would be considered by a Working Group on the Council's current Fencing Policy.

Date of next meeting: 8 December 2025

East Staffordshire Borough Council

East Staffordshire have been continuing to research two subjects. The first is "Access to Services" this review considers how people that have limited or no access to the internet are catered for by public authorities. The group want to particularly focus on elderly and vulnerable residents. As result, a subgroup of the committee has interviewed the Revenues & Benefits Manager for East Staffordshire Borough Council who has explained to the subgroup what provisions are made for these residents. The next stage is to speak with counterparts at Staffs CC.

Knife Crime is the second review, this study has spoken with Street Whyze, Catch 22, Staffs Police, The Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner, Youth Offending and SCVYS to gain multiple viewpoints. With interviews now concluded a subgroup of the committee are reviewing their notes and preparing a report for submission to the wider committee in quarter 3.

Lichfield District Council

Lichfield District Council's new Local Health Matters O&S Task Group met with representatives from the Integrated Care Board. The Task Group is chaired by Cllr Leona Leung (also LDC's representative to the Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board) and attended by SCC representative Cllr Tracey Dougherty. The Task Group and ICB discussed the proposed closure of the Samuel Johnson maternity birthing unit (and the associated consultation) and the planned new Burntwood Health & Wellbeing Centre.

The task group were pleased to hear that pre-natal and post-natal services would still be run from the Samuel Johnson regardless of the outcome of the consultation, though they believe this needs to be better publicised. The task group also expressed a firm opinion that whatever the outcome of the consultation may be, the space and resources at risk of closure at the Samuel Johnson should then remain within the control of maternity services, rather than subsequently being allocated to a different department. Members agreed to follow up the progress of the Burntwood Health & Wellbeing Centre with planning officers. Cllr Dougherty similarly offered to chase the issue with County Planning officers.

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

The Borough Council's Health Well-being and Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 15th September when it considered the following:

- an update on Walleys Quarry following the closure of the landfill operation
- a final report by a Member Task and Finish Group into the Borough Council's parks and open spaces and their management
- a report providing details of work delivered by the Community Safety Partnership in 2024/25, and planned actions for 2025/26 in the Local Police and Crime Plan and the Community Safety Action Plan.
- a report on the draft Civic Pride (Empowering Our Communities) Strategy 2025 – 28.
- a verbal update on implementation of the Council's Animal Welfare Charter

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is on 24th November.

South Staffordshire District Council

South Staffordshire Councils Wellbeing Select Committee last met on Tuesday 10th June 2025. The following matters were considered.

Staffordshire Locality Improvement Framework

The Assistant Director for Community Services updated on the Locality improvement Framework and how this could be developed in South Staffordshire to tackle health inequalities.

The Locality Improvement Framework (LIF) aims to enhance access, experience and health outcomes for those people and communities who need it most.

Key objectives include:

- **To improve health outcomes:** Enhance the overall health & wellbeing of residents by focussing on preventative measures and addressing health disparities.
- **To align primary and secondary prevention:** Integrate efforts across different levels of care to provide a seamless and effective health and care experience.
- **To deliver systematic, measurable change:** Implement a population health management approach to achieve measurable improvements at scale

South Staffordshire have been allocated £100,000 to deliver the LIF programme within the district and are currently working with partners to prepare a bid which will be submitted in July 2025.

Uk Shared Prosperity Update – Health and Wellbeing Programmes

The Community Services Manager gave an update on programmes that have been funded by the Uk Shared Prosperity fund and how this is supporting health and wellbeing within the district.

Community Safety Partnership Action Plan 2023-2026

The Councils 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, covering the financial year 2024-2025.

- To reduce all recorded crime by 2%. **All crime reduced by 3%**
- To reduce vehicle crime by 2%. **Vehicle crime reduced by 4%**
- To increase the number of repeat victims of domestic abuse accessing services by 20% - **Numbers increased by 7%**
- To reduce serious violence, including violence against women and girls (VAWG) by 2%. **More serious violence reduced by 4%, VAWG reduced by 14%**
- To reduce anti-social behaviour by 10% - **Anti-social behaviour reduced by 16%.**

- To maintain the high level of feeling of safety during the day (88%) and improve the feeling of safety after dark (67%) – from the Residents' Survey in 2023 figures of reassurance remain the same.
As of 28th March no change in perception of residents both during the day and after dark.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 2nd December 2025.

Stafford Borough Council

Stafford Borough Council's Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met on 17 June 2025 and welcomed the new County Councillor. The Committee received an update from the Task and Finish Working Group (Food Waste) and received the End of Year Performance Report. The next meeting is 24 September 2025 where presentations will be received regarding Housing Plus and Disabled Facilities Grants.

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

The Council's Health and Wellbeing Committee met on 24 March 2025 and 25 June 2025.

At the meeting in March, members received an overview of the place-based work carried out as part of the Move More Strategy and information on Health Inequalities funding.

During the meeting in June, Officers from the Public Health team at SCC provided a presentation on vaping and members were also updated on Health Inequalities Funding for damp and mould. Consideration was also given to the funding of the Moorlands Homelink Service.

The Chair provides feedback on the work undertaken by the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee at each meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 3 September 2025.

Tamworth Borough Council

Wednesday 9th July 2025

The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee received an update on the work of the Health and Wellbeing partnership and a presentation on the Locality Improvement Framework funding for Tamworth.

The next scheduled meeting is on 23 September 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	Tony Johnson	Neil Parton
East Staffordshire	Aaron Mansfield	Michael Carver
Lichfield	Steve Norman	Tracey Dougherty
Newcastle	Rupert Adcock	Adam Griffiths
South Staffordshire	Helen Adams	James Hodges
Stafford BC	Ann Edgeller	Antonia Orlandi-Fantini
Staffordshire Moorlands	John Jones	Charlotte Kelly
Tamworth	Natalie Statham	Wayne Luca

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