

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 23 February 2026

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 met on 15 September 2025.

The Committee received a presentation from Helen Slater and Hayley Allison of the ICB who gave an update to Members concerning the Minor Injuries Unit at Cannock Hospital. The presentation was in-depth and covered an update on health services and the challenges that needed to be addressed in Cannock.

They also received a presentation and update on tree management from the Natural Environment Manager, and a presentation and information on the food waste collection service from the Head of Operations.

The Quarter 1 2025/26 Performance Update was received together with the Housing Services Quarter 1 Performance Report 2025/26.

The Committee received a brief update on the work being undertaken by the Working Group established to consider the Council's current housing fencing policy.

Date of next meeting: 8 December 2025

East Staffordshire Borough Council

East Staffordshire Borough Council Scrutiny (Health and Well Being) Committee met on 6 October 2025. The committee received a verbal update from Midlands Partnership University NHS trust relating to Mental Health Services in East Staffordshire.

Date of next meeting: 15 January 2026

Lichfield District Council

Lichfield District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 18 September 2025 and received an update from Local Health Matters O&S Task Group which had met with representatives from the Integrated Care Board on 5 September 2025. The work group received an update from representatives of the Primary Care Board at the ICB and confirmation of approximate timescales for the planned Burntwood Health and Wellbeing Centre. The ICB agreed to check and confirm whether an "in-principal" planning application can be brought to the task group prior to final details added and submission.

The next scheduled committee meeting is on 18 November 2025.

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:

- Walleys Quarry Update report
- Sustainable Environment Strategy Update
- Civic Pride: Evaluation of 2025 activities.

Members also raised an issue regarding new GP appointments systems and concerns for the elderly regarding the use of ICT. It was agreed that this would matter would be taken up the County Council's Health and Care member representative.

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is on 9th March.

South Staffordshire District Council

South Staffordshire Councils Wellbeing Select Committee last met on Tuesday 10th June 2025 and provided an update to the last meeting of this committee on the following matters.

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 24 September 2025, and received a presentation from Wayne Gethings, Group CEO of Housing Plus.

The Scrutiny Committee also received a presentation which provided an update on Disabled Facilities Grants.

The Q1 Performance Report was scrutinised.

The next meeting of the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will take place on 4 December 2025.

The Task and Finish Working Group for Food Waste Collections will meet in November.

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

The Council's Health and Wellbeing Committee met on 3 September 2025.

Members received a presentation from the Chief Operating Officer at North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust on mental health, learning disability and autism.

The newly appointed Health & Wellbeing Projects Officer – Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association was introduced to the Committee, and she offered to support members within their parishes.

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 19 November 2025.

Tamworth Borough Council

14th October 2025

At the meeting in October the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee received where they received the following updates –

- Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Abuse Report (April 2025 - September 2025)
- Community Recovery Grants progress
- Building Better Communities - Community Cohesion and Engagement Strategy

The next meeting is on the 25th November 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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