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## HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 June 2021

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will be held in **Council Chamber, Marmion House, Lichfield Street, Tamworth, B79 7BZ on Tuesday, 22nd June, 2021 at 6.00 pm.** Members of the Committee are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

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**Chief Executive**

### A G E N D A

### NON CONFIDENTIAL

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 10)**
- 3 **Declarations of Interest**

*To receive any declarations of Members' interests (personal and/or personal and prejudicial) in any matters which are to be considered at this meeting.*

*When Members are declaring a personal interest or personal and prejudicial interest in respect of which they have dispensation, they should specify the nature of such interest. Members should leave the room if they have a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of which they do not have a dispensation.*

**4 Update from the Chair**

**5 Responses to Reports of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee**

*(Update on responses to the Reports of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee)*

**6 Consideration of matters referred to the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee from Cabinet or Council**

*(Discussion item)*

**7 Update on health related matters considered by Staffordshire County Council (Pages 11 - 14)**

*(To receive the Staffordshire County Council Digest and an update from County Councillor T Jay)*

**8 Forward Plan**

*Please see the link to the Forward Plan:*

<http://democracy.tamworth.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=120&RD=0&bcr=1>

**9 Consideration of the State of Tamworth Debate items**

*(Discussion item)*

**10 Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan - 2021/2022 (Pages 15 - 16)**

*To consider items for 2021/22 Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Plan*

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To Councillors: R Claymore, D Maycock, P Brindley, M J Greatorex, J Harper, J Jones, S People, R Rogers, J Wade and County Councillor T Jay

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 21st APRIL 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor R Ford (Chair), Councillors P Brindley, J Faulkner, M J Greatorex, M Oates, S Peple, S Pritchard and R Rogers

CABINET Councillor Stephen Doyle

The following officers were present: Joanne Sands (Assistant Director Partnerships), Stephanie Ivey (Partnership Vulnerability Officer), Jo Hutchison (Democratic Services, Scrutiny and Elections Officer), Jodie Small (Legal, Democratic and Corporate Support Assistant) and Adam Deakin (Technical Infrastructure Engineer)

Apologies received from: County Councillor T Clements

**59 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were approved as a true record.

*(Moved by Councillor P Brindley and seconded by Councillor M Greatorex)*

**60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**61 FORWARD PLAN**

It was reported that the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan had been considered by the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee at its March meeting, and no further items were identified by the Committee from the Forward Plan for this Committee's consideration.

Councillor J Faulkner joined the meeting at 6.08pm.

## 62 SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK OF ABUSE REPORT

The Chair welcomed Councillor S Doyle, the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory and Community Safety, Ms J Sands, the Assistant Director Partnerships and Ms S Ivey, the Partnership Vulnerability Officer to the meeting to provide the second biannual safeguarding update to the Committee.

Councillor M Oates joined the meeting at 6.20pm.

Councillor Doyle introduced Ms Ivey who took the Committee through the Report and highlighted the following:

1. Details of the referrals made for the full year, which were reported to be 64 in total; 22 in respect of children and 42 in respect of adults. Compared to referrals in the previous municipal year, these numbers were slightly lower.
2. The ongoing safeguarding training, as well as the guidance embedded in the updated policy and procedures in respect of suicide awareness and prevention and briefing sessions in this regard for frontline staff.
3. The ongoing work with the partnership team at Newcastle Borough Council to develop safeguarding training webinars for taxi drivers.
4. The partnership approach to Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Contextual Safeguarding, including the partnership team's involvement with the Staffordshire County Council Families First Child Exploitation Coordinator, and the additional projects which provided relevant support, including the Sapling project, the Vulnerable Adolescence Support Programme and Prevent work were highlighted.
5. The weekly partnership meeting and ongoing work with the Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership.

The Committee sought and received clarification on:

1. The impact of the pandemic on both the referral figures and working arrangements for staff, and it was reported that the above referral figures were those made by staff and that the safeguarding team through the partnership working arrangements were aware of a broader picture.
2. In terms of modern slavery, it was reported that the council co-operated with the tier 1 authority and worked closely with the local police.

**RESOLVED** to endorse the Report.

*(Moved by Councillor R Ford and seconded by Councillor S Peaple)*

The Committee thanked Councillor Doyle and the Officers for their presentation.

## 63 YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING GROUP

The Chair invited Councillor P Brindley, as Chair of the Young People Working Group to highlight the outcomes of the working group to the Committee, and to invite any members of the Committee and Councillor Doyle and Officers to comment.

Councillor Brindley highlighted the following:

1. That the focus of the work group was on the effects of the pandemic and the resulting needs of young people post pandemic in Tamworth;
2. The national research which the working group had considered, which included (i) research covering young people into young adulthood where the mental health issues for that age group appeared greater than in the older adults cohort (ii) the fact that younger people had found the January 2021 lockdown harder to cope with than previous ones, (iii) that social isolation and loneliness was a major issue for young people;
3. That there was concern over impacts on school work and uncertainty about exam grades and worries about the future.

Councillor Brindley reported that the working group's recommendation was to recommend that a new working group begin work in liaison with Officers and partners to create a strategy to support young people in Tamworth.

The Committee and Officers discussed the existing support that was available and which was provided by Staffordshire County Council and through other partners, such as SCYVS, as well as recent funding from Government which had been directed to provide a Staffordshire wide Young People's Offer, which was at an early stage of development.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The Young People Working Group continue in the same form into the new municipal year;
2. A meeting be organised to scope any future working group and strategy going forwards, and the following be invited to attend; (i) the three Councillor working group members (ii) relevant Council Officer(s) (iii) relevant Staffordshire County Council Officer(s) (iii) representatives of partner organisations and (iv) the relevant Portfolio Holder.

*(Moved by Councillor P Brindley and seconded by Councillor S Peaple)*

The Chair thanked the Officers and Portfolio Holder who then left the meeting.

## 64 HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY WORK PLAN - 2020/2021

The Committee considered the work plan and updated it as follows:

### Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan

Work Plan 2020 - 2021	
DATE	SUBJECT
Each meeting	Update on Staffordshire County Council matters
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	close of initial consultation (end date of initial consultation is 25 August 2019)
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**Upcoming Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Meetings**

**Upcoming Relevant County Council Meetings**

**Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee**

- 7 June 2021



**65 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE HEALTH & WELLBEING  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 2020/21**

The Chair highlighted to members that the draft Annual Report had been brought to the Committee for any comments prior to it being finalised and presented to Council in the next municipal year.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and work on the Committee, which as the Annual Report indicated had been an incredibly busy year.

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Chair

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**Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – Monday 16 March 2021  
District/Borough Digest**

Under the Health Scrutiny Code of Joint Working with District and Borough Councils, Authorities have undertaken to keep relevant Partners informed of their consideration of health matters having regard to the general working principle of co-operation and the need to ensure a co-ordinated Staffordshire approach. Therefore, the following is a summary of the business transacted at the meeting of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee held on Monday 16 March 2021 - link to Agenda and reports pack:-

<http://moderngov.staffordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=871&MId=11774&Ver=4>

Agenda Item	District(s)/Borough(s)
<p><b>Covid-19 Vaccination Programme – Update</b></p> <p>The Committee received an oral update on the implementation of the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme in the County. They were encouraged to learn that:- (i) according to data recently published by the Health Service Journal, Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups had the highest level of vaccination uptake in the over 65 year old age group in the Country; (ii) as of 16 March 2021 468,000 vaccine first doses and 38,000 second doses had been administered; (iii) all Care Homes residents in the County had been offered their first vaccine dose resulting in a 94% take-up rate; (iv) vaccinations were to be offered to homeless people in Staffordshire, as a priority, following recent initial roll-out in the Stoke-on-Trent City area; (v) Pop-up clinics aimed at maximising take-up in Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities were also being implemented.</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>
<p><b>The Journey Towards an Integrated Care System – Stakeholder Update</b></p> <p>The Committee received an update from Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) regarding proposals for the development of an Integrated Care System in the County which included merger of the six CCGs into one strategic commissioning body. They heard that following all 147 practices having voted in favour of the merger, NHS England and NHS Improvement had approved a request for the application for merger to proceed. As part of this process, the CCGs had recently launched a joint consultation entitled, “Our Journey to Become a Single Strategic Commissioning Organisation” to learn of the views of key stakeholders. The Committee emphasised the need for the above-mentioned changes to achieve real improvements in healthcare provision and undertook to engage further with the NHS to ensure transparency and accountability for performance, as necessary.</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>
<p><b>Care Homes for Older People: implications of COVID for Council Strategy</b></p> <p>The Committee considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing regarding the impact of Covid-19 on the County Council’s strategy for provision of care homes for the elderly in Staffordshire. They learned</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>

that prior to the pandemic the Authority had implemented various measures in order to support the development of the care home market, increase supply and ensure that the needs of older people could continue to be met at a cost-effective price. However, whilst the immediate impact of Covid-19 was now abating, long-term issues such as:- (i) the continued need for enhanced infection and control measures; (ii) ongoing sporadic outbreaks of the virus; (iii) difficulties in recruitment and retention of care home staff and; (iv) lower bed occupancy rates, were expected to further increase costs and reduce the commercial viability of homes. Therefore, projections of future demand were to be remodelled during Spring 2021 with a view to publishing a revised approach to influence the market later in the year. In response, the Committee sought clarification of various aspects of the Authority's existing commissioning arrangements, noted their intentions regarding the forthcoming review and undertook to give further scrutiny to the revised approach, at the appropriate time, with a view to ensuring necessary improvements in service provision.

### **Together We're Better – Digital Programme Update and Key Learnings from Covid-19 Pandemic**

The Committee considered a report of the Director, Together We're Better (Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent's Sustainability and transformation Partnership) updating them on the roll-out of NHS's Digital Programme in Staffordshire which took account key learnings from the Covid-19 pandemic. They heard that the pace of change with regard to the use of digital technology by Health had been accelerated by the pandemic and that many valuable lessons had been learned. However, owing to the extensiveness of the NHS's Digital Work Programme envisaged for 2021/22, they decided that consideration of any further scrutiny required should be deferred until their Work Programme Planning Session for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

Their next meeting will be held on Monday 7 June 2021 at 10.00 am, venue to be confirmed.

**Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Monday 7 June 2021  
District/Borough Digest**

Under the Health Scrutiny Code of Joint Working with District and Borough Councils, Authorities have undertaken to keep relevant Partners informed of their consideration of health matters having regard to the general working principle of co-operation and the need to ensure a co-ordinated Staffordshire approach. Therefore, the following is a summary of the business transacted at the meeting of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 7 June 2021 - link to Agenda and reports pack:-

<http://moderngov.staffordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=871&MId=13454&Ver=4>

The webcast of the meeting can also be viewed following the above link to mod.gov.

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<p><b>Health Scrutiny Arrangements in Staffordshire</b></p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>
<p>The Committee received a presentation from the Scrutiny and Support Manager to outline the health scrutiny arrangements in Staffordshire.</p>	
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<p><b>Work Programme Planning 2021/22</b></p>	
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<p>The Committee received a report and presentation from the Chair of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider work programme planning 2021/22. An overview of services, priorities and challenges for NHS, Adult Social Care and Public Health were presented to Committee.</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>
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<p>Presenting Officers:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marcus Warnes, Accountable Officer for 6 Staffordshire &amp; Stoke on Trent CCGs</li> <li>• Simon Whitehouse, ICS Director for Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent</li> <li>• Dr Richard Harling, Director of Health and Care Staffordshire County Council</li> </ul>	
<p>Following the presentations County Council and District and Borough Members highlighted and considered potential items for inclusion in the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2021-22.</p>	
<p>Matters highlighted for inclusion: Maternity Services; George Bryant Centre; Access to GP Surgeries; Mental Health and Wellbeing, inc. acute beds, loneliness and isolation, community health; Urgent and Emergency Care Programme; Health inequalities; Wider determinants of health, obesity and diabetes; Strategic Transformation Programme (STP); Integrated Care Services; Child Dentistry; Adult Social Care, application process; Women's Health Strategy; Workforce NHS; Health and Wellbeing Board; pre-decision items Recommissioning of Care Home Services; Healthy schools programme. Other matters to be considered were matters brought forward from 2020/21 work programme</p>	

highlighted in the report submitted. Priorities for the next meeting of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee were highlighted as Maternity Service, George Bryant Centre and Access to GP Services.

The list of potential items will be considered and scheduled in the work programme. The work programme will be presented to the next meeting of Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 5 July 2021.

### **Covid-19 Vaccination Programme Update**

The Committee considered an update report and presentation from Programme Director and Clinical Lead Vaccination Programme. The presentation highlighted progress so far; phases of the Vaccination Programme; responding to the new variant and priority areas; second doses; site locations; targeted vaccination service; Myths and challenges; AstraZeneca – risk of blood clots; Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Covid-19 Vaccination Programme – how did we get there?; we can't let our guard down. Further detail is available on mod.gov.

There will be an all Staffordshire Member Webinar Briefing to provide a Covid-19 Update on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Invitations to register have been sent to members of the County Council, District and Borough Council and the invitation had been extended to Parish Councils. Members were advised that there would be facility to raise questions during the webinar.

The Committee thanked officers, staff and volunteers involved with the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme for the work they had carried out during the pandemic.

All Districts and  
Boroughs

Their next meeting will be held on Monday 5 July 2021 at 10.00 am, County Buildings, Stafford.

## Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan

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### Upcoming Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Meetings

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

20<sup>th</sup> November 2021

25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### **Upcoming Relevant County Council Meetings**

#### **Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Staffordshire County Council**

- 7 June 2021
- 5 July 2021
- 9 August 2021
- 13 September 2021
- 25 October 2021
- 29 November 2021
- 31 January 2022
- 15 March 2022
- 19 April 2022