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## HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10 October 2022

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will be held in **Town Hall, Market Street, Tamworth on Tuesday, 18th October, 2022 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 - 12)**
- 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 Update from Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust - Community Mental Health Services**

*To receive an update from the Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust's Head of Primary Care Development & MH Programme Lead (South Staffordshire)*

**6 Safeguarding Children and Adults at risk of abuse report (April to September 22) (Pages 13 - 22)**

*(Report of the Portfolio Holder for Voluntary Sector, Town centre, Evening economy and Community Safety)*

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

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

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

*(Discussion item)*

**9 Update on health related matters considered by Staffordshire County Council (Pages 23 - 26)**

*(To receive the Digests from Staffordshire County Council's Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee and an update from County Councillor T Jay)*

**10 Forward Plan**

*Please see the link to the Forward Plan:*

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

**11 Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan (Pages 27 - 30)**

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

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To Councillors: R Claymore, D Maycock, M J Greatorex, J Jones, R Kingstone, R Rogers, S Smith, P Thurgood, J Wadrup and County Councillor T Jay

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 12th JULY 2022**

**PRESENT:** Councillor R Claymore (Chair), Councillors M Cook, R Kingstone and R Rogers

The following officers were present: Joanne Sands (Assistant Director Partnerships) and Jo Hutchison (Democratic Services, Scrutiny and Elections Officer)

**12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Jay, M Greatorex, D Maycock, P Thurgood, J Wadrup and County Councillor T Jay.

**13 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2022 were approved as a true record.

*(Moved by Councillor R Rogers and seconded by Councillor R Kingstone)*

**14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**15 UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair reported that a request to provide comments on the Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Consultation had been circulated to members and the Consultation was open until 5 September 2022 if any member wanted to participate.

The Chair further reported that at a Board meeting of the Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT) proposals were received and accepted which were

expected to mean that inpatient mental health services provision from the George Bryan Centre would not be reinstated. The Chair reported that the Staffordshire County Council Health & Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee was expected to have an Integrated Care System (ICS) Transformation item focussed on the George Bryan Centre on its 1 August 2022 meeting. The Chair invited any members to raise any specific points with her which they would like considered further.

## **16 UPDATE ON HOUSING STRATEGY**

The Chair welcomed the Assistant Director, Partnerships to the meeting and noted that the Executive Director, Communities and the Portfolio Holder for Homelessness Prevention and Social Housing had sent their apologies.

The Assistant Director reminded the Committee that whilst it was not a statutory requirement for the Council to have a Housing Strategy, it did afford the Council a clear direction of travel and priorities and the current Strategy had been agreed at Cabinet in October 2020.

The Assistant Director provided an overview of the 4 Priorities set out in the Housing Strategy, although she would focus on Priority 4 given its relevance to wellbeing. It was reported that the Strategy included actions drawn from various other corporate strategies including the Local Plan, the Future High Streets Project, Climate Change policy, Housing Allocations Policy, Housing Acquisitions Policy, Affordable Rents Policy, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, Private Sector Enforcement Policy and the Community Safety Plan.

The Assistant Director highlighted some of the future proposed actions which included:

- An update to the Empty Homes Strategy to increase housing provision
- The development of an Older Persons Housing Needs Strategy in conjunction with stakeholders
- Work to determine the criteria for the First Homes requirement, whereby 20% of the affordable homes on a development would be allocated as first homes for Tamworth residents.
- To develop relationships with the voluntary sector to maintain healthier communities and sustain independent living
- To develop an approach to the needs of Asylum Seekers and Refugees in line with Government policies

The Committee commented and sought clarifications in the following areas:

1. How the criteria for the First Homes requirement would address the issue of resale of those affordable first homes such that the benefits of the scheme would be retained in perpetuity and that the benefits of any market price discount was continued through resales of the First Home. The Assistant Director reported that the criteria was under discussion and that this was led by the planning team.
2. The need for the Committee to receive regular and measurable data in respect of the various action plans / metrics included in the strategy, so

that there could be effective scrutiny of the implementation of the strategy and performance. It was further identified that to support this scrutiny, the data should not be solely a snapshot in time but would need to be provided over a period of time (for example over three years) to enable trends to be identified.

3. It was raised that there was a need for urgency in addressing areas within housing related to climate change given the aspiration of the Council to be Carbon Net Zero by 2030 if financially able to do so. Given the housing stock owned by the Council, and given the expected Government initiatives to stop the installation of new gas heating in homes from potentially 2030, there would be significant challenges to the Council in delivering appropriate housing to Tamworth's vulnerable residents in line with the Council's Climate Change agenda unless action was taken now.
4. The process followed for residents to apply for and receive Disabled Facilities Grants, where it was highlighted that this process appeared lengthy and complex. It was requested that data on this be included in the regular reporting of performance which could enable further scrutiny of how this process worked by the Committee as an additional work plan item at a later date.

Following consideration of the presentation provided by the Assistant Director, Partnerships which was welcomed by the Committee, the Committee

**RESOLVED that:**

1. It recommend to Cabinet that a bi-annual report be prepared by Officers for presentation to the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, every 6 months, setting out performance metrics relating to each action plan for the 4 Priorities in the Housing Strategy including data over a three year period;
2. A presentation be prepared for consideration by the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee regarding the delivery of the Council's climate change agenda in terms of Council's Housing stock and the impact on vulnerable Tamworth residents;
3. It recommend to Cabinet that consideration be given in the development of the criteria for First Homes, for the 20% discount to market price on the initial purchase, being continued in subsequent resales, where possible.

*(Moved by Councillor M Cook and seconded by Councillor R Kingstone)*

The Committee thanked the Assistant Director, Partnerships for her presentation, who then left the meeting.

There were no responses to report.

**18 CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REFERRED TO THE HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM CABINET OR COUNCIL**

No matters had been referred.

**19 UPDATE ON HEALTH RELATED MATTERS CONSIDERED BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Chair reported that the Staffordshire County Council Health & Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee had met on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and the focus of that meeting had been on the Integrated Care Board.

**20 FORWARD PLAN**

It was noted that there was a Net Zero Carbon – baseline reporting item on the Forward Plan for consideration by the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> September prior to Cabinet consideration on 20 October 2022. The Chair agreed to liaise with the Chair of the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee regarding this item.

**21 HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY WORK PLAN**

The Committee considered its Work Plan and updated it as follows:

**Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan**



<b>Work Plan</b>		
<b>Work Area Themes for the Year</b>		
<b>1. Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>		
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Inpatient mental health pathways and community mental health services pathways	22 September 2022	Invite representatives of Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT)
Substance misuse / addiction		Contact new local service provider
Loneliness / isolation		
<b>2. Homelessness &amp; Housing</b>		
<b>Topics</b>	<b>Target Meeting</b>	<b>Additional information</b>
Council's (Healthier) Housing Strategy	12 July 2022	Invite Portfolio Holder & Executive Director, Communities, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods / Partnerships
Overview of services available to rough sleepers / homeless people in Tamworth	November (tbc)	Suggested invitation to representatives of Heart of Tamworth and/ or other relevant voluntary organisations
Homelessness Winter Relief Update	November 2022 and March 2023	To receive an update on plans in November, followed by feedback on the outcomes in March 2023.
Disabled Facilities Grants – process	January 2023	To understand these Grants and the processes followed from a wellbeing perspective.

<b>Other suggested topics for Committee consideration</b>		
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Attainment and Skills in Tamworth (including young people's experiences)	To be confirmed	Working Group (WG) to be formed – WG Chair - Councillor R Kingstone & D Maycock & others
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Strategic Transformation Programme (STP)		To tie in with County consideration when dates for County consideration known
<b>Possible Working Group topics</b>		
Armed Forces Covenant		Working group to be formed. Cabinet member identified (Cllr T Clements)
Attainment & Skills in Tamworth		WG Chair - Councillor R Kingstone & D Maycock & others

<b>Upcoming Health &amp; Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Meetings</b>
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Meeting dates:
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22 September 2022
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18 October 2022
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29 November 2022
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24 January 2023
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28 March 2023
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<b>Upcoming Relevant County Council Meetings</b>
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<b>Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Staffordshire County Council</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 August 2022</li><li>• 19 September 2022</li><li>• 17 October 2022</li><li>• 28 November 2022</li><li>• 30 January 2023</li><li>• 20 March 2023</li></ul> |
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Chair

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## HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

### REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR VOLUNTARY SECTOR, TOWN CENTRE, EVENING ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Safeguarding Children and Adults at risk of abuse report (April to September 22)

#### EXEMPT INFORMATION

None

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to provide a biannual safeguarding update to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

**That members:**

**Review the report and raise any questions in relation to the content with the Assistant Director Partnerships in collaboration with the Portfolio Holder for Voluntary sector, Town centre, Evening economy and Community Safety, and thereafter endorse.**

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tamworth Borough Council has a legal responsibility to safeguard children and adults with care and support needs from abuse and neglect. The safeguarding children and adults at risk of abuse and neglect policy and procedure provides a framework for safeguarding and demonstrates the council's commitment to safeguard children and adults at risk.

Safeguarding is integrated into the day-to-day operations of the council. The council responds to all safeguarding concerns raised in line with the safeguarding procedure. Reporting of concerns is fundamental in ensuring that children and adults at risk receive the necessary support to safeguard and promote their welfare.

The following information provides an overview of the number of safeguarding referrals received and an update on the safeguarding work that has taken place since the last update provided to the committee on 29th March 2022.

**Safeguarding Statistics**

The number of safeguarding concerns referred via the council’s safeguarding reporting procedure for the date period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 are detailed in the table below:

Referral type	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Child referrals	4	6			10
Adult referrals	9	10			19
<b>Total combined referrals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>			<b>29</b>

Table 1: Safeguarding concerns raised by staff 2022

Miscellaneous	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
	5	3			8

Referrals continue to be received from a wide range of council staff including, customer service officers, housing solutions officers, tenancy sustainment officers, sheltered housing managers, private sector housing officers and members.

The miscellaneous covers referrals that come through mainly the council enquires along with outside agencies such as Wates and Engie. Quarterly meetings take place for updates with the 2 contractors to make sure that we can offer support and advice and any new updates needed.

A quarterly overview of safeguarding referrals is attached at Appendix 1.

**Safeguarding Training**

Level 1 safeguarding training is delivered to staff/members via eLearning or face-to-face sessions (due to current restrictions face-to-face sessions are still being delivered via Microsoft Teams). 2021-22 has seen the development and rollout of safeguarding eLearning modules to staff and members. Through Staffordshire Safeguarding Children’s Board, offering a variety of training levels and conference events around Neglect and Child Sexual Exploitation. Level 1 safeguarding training must be refreshed every 3 years and is delivered as a rolling programme.

Level 2 safeguarding children training is delivered by the Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) training team. Staffing roles that require this enhanced level of training have been identified and officers requested to complete this training. The training is delivered via Microsoft Teams and 3 officers have attended the training from April-September 2022.

Level 3 safeguarding children training provides subject specific training courses. Appropriate staff are encouraged to attend courses to gain better understanding of the subject area and improve practice; the Partnership Vulnerability Officer has been working with managers to identify relevant safeguarding courses that will support staff in their job role.

Level 4 specialist training i.e. Designated Safeguarding Lead training. This training is specifically for individuals with operational responsibility for receiving concerns about

the safety and welfare of children and young people, and who make decisions about what action needs to be taken. This is to be updated every 2 years.

### **Taxi driver safeguarding training**

The Partnership Vulnerability Officer has continued to work with the licensing team to deliver a safeguarding awareness around Child Sexual Exploitation, Trafficking and Modern-day slavery training course for taxi drivers. The safeguarding training course is delivered through Microsoft teams and co-ordinated with the support from the licensing officers. We have now also offered face to face training. Training is run once a month.

### **Suicide prevention training**

Free suicide prevention training is available to staff which is a great opportunity for staff to understand and support clients that they may come across who have suicidally thoughts. This also helps support our suicide policy and processes.

Dates are available to book on courses from October 2022 to March 2023, with more dates set to be released soon.

### **Adult Safeguarding Board**

We are still an active member with information received regarding updates and events.

### **Modern Slavery**

Modern Slavery refers to the offences of human trafficking, slavery, servitude, and forced or compulsory labour. This can then be considered as five sub threats: sexual exploitation of adults; trafficking of adults into conditions of labour exploitation; trafficking of adults into conditions of criminal exploitation; trafficking of minors into conditions of sexual, criminal or labour exploitation; and other forms of exploitation. Staffordshire has seen a gradual increase in the reporting of Modern Slavery which is in line with the national picture.

This is continued within our Partnership below:

Produce a revised Modern Slavery Statement for 2021/22.

Strengthening our approach to tackling modern slavery by:

- Seeking reassurance via current training packages that staff remain up to date and have undergone relevant training
- Identify and train safeguarding champions in each Council service (in progress)
- Working with Service Managers to undertake relevant risk assessments as necessary with suppliers to ensure their understanding and compliance with the Modern Slavery Act where necessary
- Inclusion of Modern Slavery within safeguarding policies
- Attendance at County tactical meetings with Staffordshire Police to identify hotspot areas and emerging trends
- Joint Partnership operations at targeted premises where appropriate
- Information on the Council's webpages on modern slavery and the National Referral Mechanism [National referral mechanism guidance: adult \(England\)](#)

## **Contextual Safeguarding**

The Multi Agency Child Exploitation Panel (MACE) continues and is the forum for safeguarding children at risk of exploitation within a partnership arena. MACE meetings take place bi-monthly, the Partnership Vulnerability Officer attends and contributes to this meeting. This helps to strengthen our community safety agenda and also highlights any areas of concern that can be passed onto Street wardens to observe and working along the Police.

We continue our membership the NWG network. NWG is a charitable organisation formed as a UK network of over 14,500 practitioners who disseminate information down through their services, to professionals working on the issue of child exploitation (CE) and trafficking within the UK. They offer support, guidance and raise the profile, provide updates, training, share national developments, influence the development of national and local policy informed by practice.

## **Prevent**

Prevent' is part of the government's overall counter-terrorism strategy which is called CONTEST. The aim of Prevent is to reduce the threat from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The Prevent strategy has three specific objectives:

1. Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it
2. Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support
3. Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation.

All managers have been informed that the training is now available for all staff to access the link below allows access to the training portal.

. <https://www.support-people-vulnerable-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/portal>.

## **Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership (TVP)**

The weekly partnership meeting continues to be well attended by representatives from statutory organisations. The partnership provides a joined-up response to vulnerability within the community and endeavours to provide help at the earliest opportunity to improve outcomes for vulnerable people.

Vulnerable Persons and Contextual Safeguarding (including Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health) remains a priority for the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership.



We have also added youth ASB cases to the partnership to discuss issues on anti-social behaviour with the representatives and established good links with youth offending team.

The success of the TVP has led to the formation of professionals meeting's allowing more time for cases to be discussed by partners and plan a range of actions that are followed up and reviewed.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report. The cost of training and materials will be met from existing budgets.

## **LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND**

The Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Abuse and Neglect Policy has been risk assessed and no significant risks exist. From a legal perspective the authority is meeting its expectations and requirements in relation to vulnerable children and adults at risk.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

The policy and staff in this important service will continue to operate locally and in conjunction with partners to sustain the levels of support, training and guidance required.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Tamworth Borough Council has both a legal and moral duty to protect children and adults at risk from harm and abuse. The Children Act 1989 and 2004 along with the associated government statutory guidance sets out our legal responsibilities for protecting children. The Care Act 2014 along with associated statutory guidance recognises and reinforces that organisations make a significant contribution to adult safeguarding.

## **REPORT AUTHOR**

Jackie Hodgkinson  
Partnership Vulnerability Officer

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

[Children Act 1989](#)

[Children Act 2004](#)

[Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#)

[Care Act Statutory Guidance](#)

**APPENDICES**

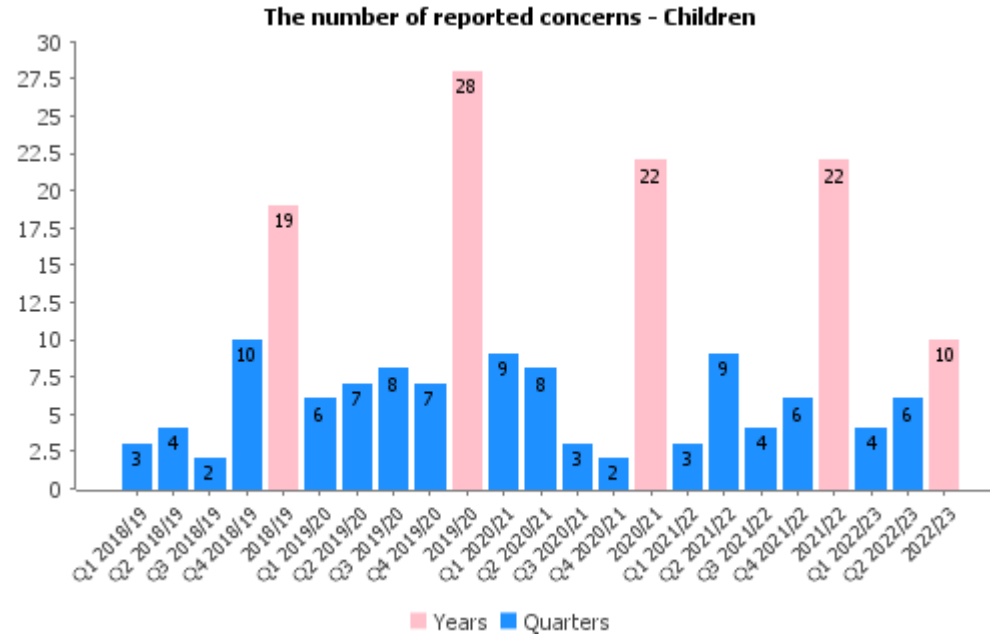
Appendix 1 Safeguarding referral overview

# Safeguarding Performance Indicators

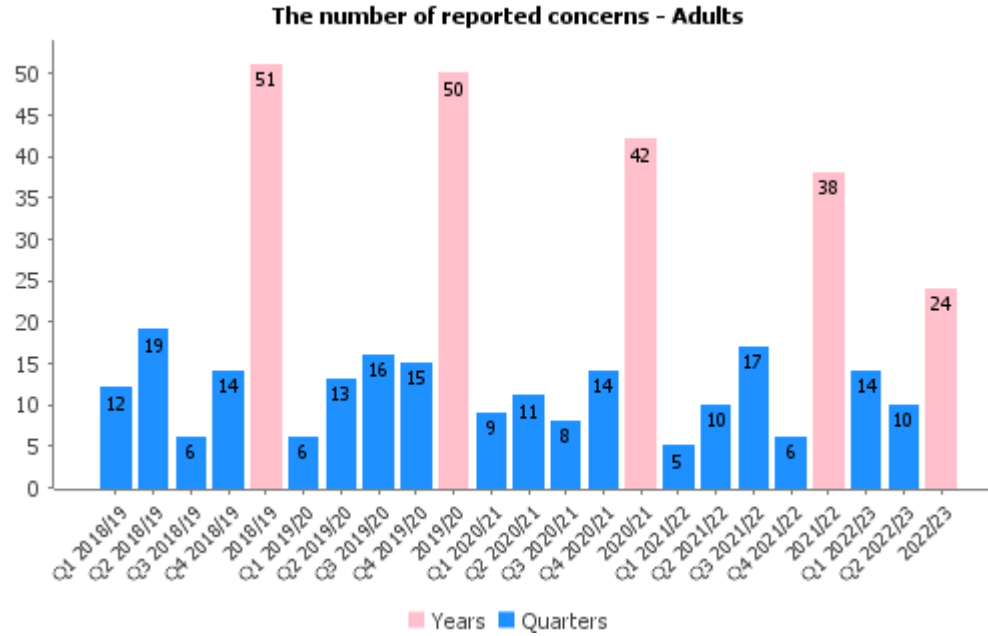
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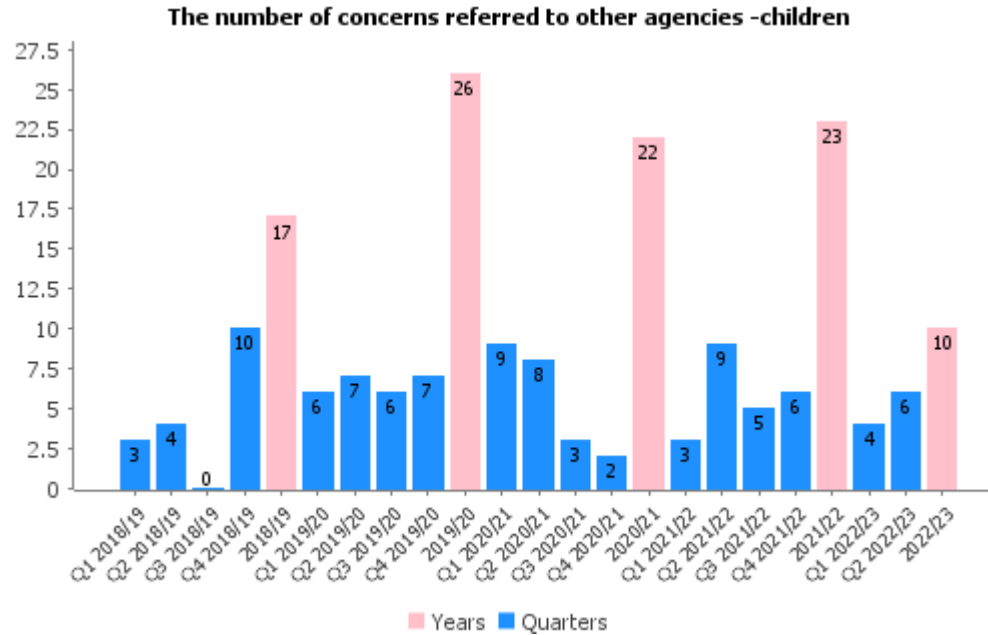
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The number of reported concerns - Adults

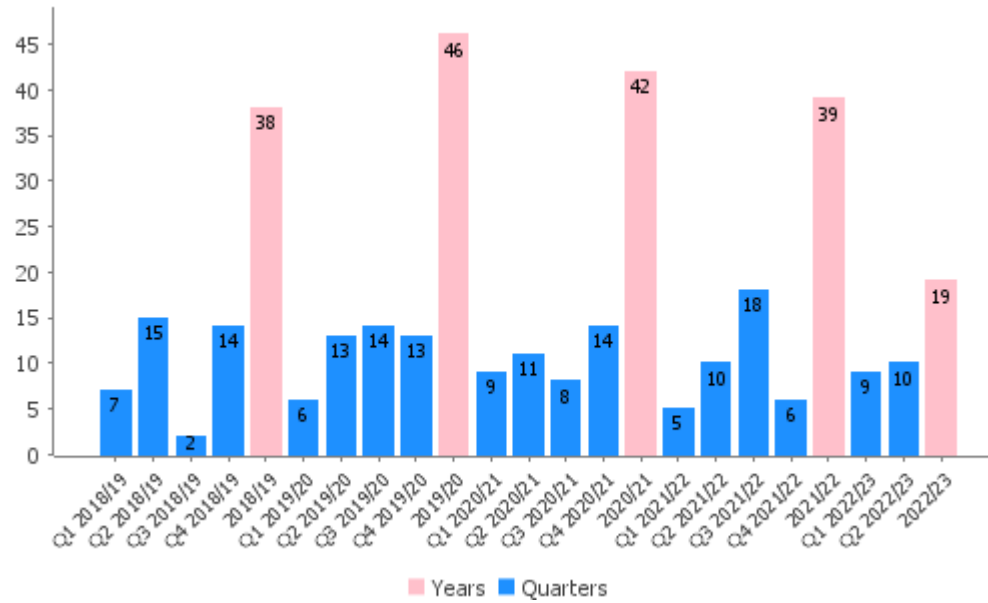


The number of concerns referred to other agencies - children



The number of concerns reported to other agencies - Adults

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**Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
**Monday 11 July 2022**  
**District/Borough Digest**

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[Agenda for Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 11th July 2022, 10:00am - Staffordshire County Council](#)

For further detail of items considered view the webcast of the meeting following the above link.

**Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee 11 July 2022**

The Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following matters:

**Integrated Care System (ICS) and Integrated Care Board (ICB)**

Committee received an update on the establishment of the ICS which included: ICB Board appointments, Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) strategy development, delivery portfolios, Place working, provider collaboratives, clinical professional leadership and 'Working with People and Communities Strategy'. Committee noted the process and highlighted the importance of communication, the need for residents to understand where the linkages are, and also the need to focus on the outcomes for residents.

Items were added to the Committee Work Programme relating to the Dentistry Service and the Working with People and Communities Strategy. Committee requested further information about targets across the system on patient flow through hospitals and links to the Working with People and Communities Strategy and how to register for the ICS information roadshow.

**Primary Care Access**

Committee received a report which provided context and key drivers to the current situation regarding general practice access (GP access) in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. They considered the update on progress, noted completed actions and achievements and the next steps which were outlined in the seven-point action plan relating to communications, access improvement programme (Accelerator Programme), record keeping, digital solutions, quality,

variation, and resilience, training and development, and workload initiatives. A further update will be considered in the Autumn.

### **Transformation Programme - Maternity Services**

Committee received an update on maternity services transformation, the temporary closure of free-standing midwife-led birthing services and an update on progress against recommendations of the Donna Ockenden report about failings at Shropshire and Telford Hospital. Members welcomed the plans for communication, recruiting and retention of midwives. Further data regarding current numbers of midwives in Staffordshire would be circulated.

### **Healthwatch report**

The Committee received a report on the structure, outline focus and approach, and progress of the Staffordshire Healthwatch (SHW) service. Support Staffordshire became the new service provider with effect from 1 April 2022. Committee noted that the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committees role was two-fold, both to scrutinise the work of the Healthwatch contract, and as a partner in terms of communication and collaboration. Staffordshire Healthwatch agreed to share performance metrics and structure for performance management approach when finalised.

### **The Families Health & Wellbeing (0-19) Service**

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People provided a report and presentation relating to the Families' Health & Wellbeing (0-19) Service from 1st April 2024 in private session.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1 August 2022 at 10.00 am, County Buildings, Stafford.



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**Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 August 2022**

The Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following matter:

**Inpatient services in south east Staffordshire for adults and older adults experiencing severe mental illness or dementia**

The Committee received a report and presentation – ‘Finding a long-term solution for the inpatient mental health services previously provided at the George Bryan Centre’ which provided background, context and details of the business case and process to be followed. Integrated Care Board (ICB) commissioners and Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust (MPFT) providers were in attendance to respond to members questions.

Members questioning was robust, and the responses of the professional advisors provided detailed analysis and clarity of the reasoning and process outlined in the report. ICB confirmed that no decision had been made at this stage of the process.

The Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested that comments and further information be taken into consideration in the next steps, to strengthen and clarify matters in the business case for Inpatient services when next considered by the ICB.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19 September 2022 at 10.00 am, County Buildings, Stafford.

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## Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan

Work Plan		
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**Upcoming Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Meetings**

Meeting dates:

18 October 2022

29 November 2022

24 January 2023

28 March 2023

**Upcoming Relevant County Council Meetings**

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

- 17 October 2022
- 28 November 2022
- 30 January 2023
- 20 March 2023

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