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## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

20 March 2023

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will be held in **Town Hall, Market Street, Tamworth on Tuesday, 28th March, 2023 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 - 14)**
- 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.*

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**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 15 - 16)**

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

**8 Safeguarding Children and Adults at risk of abuse report (October 22 - March 23) (Pages 17 - 24)**

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

**9 King's Coronation Weekend Plans**

*To receive a verbal update from the Theatre, Artistic and Events Manager*

**10 Indoor and Outdoor Sports strategy (To Follow)**

*(Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Entertainment and Leisure)*

**11 Open Spaces Update (To Follow)**

*(Report of the Portfolio Holder for Skills, Planning, Economy and Waste)*

**12 Public Toilet Provision in Tamworth**

*Discussion item*

### **13 Forward Plan**

*Please see the link to the Forward Plan:*

[Browse plans - Cabinet, 2023 :: Tamworth Borough Council](#)

### **14 Working Group Updates**

### **15 Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan (Pages 25 - 28)**

*To the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Plan*

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

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor D Maycock (Chair), Councillors S Smith, R Claymore, C Cooke, M J Greatorex, J Jones, R Kingstone, R Rogers and J Wadrup

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

**57 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor T Jay.

**58 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor J Jones and seconded by Councillor S Smith)*

**59 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**60 UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair updated the meeting on the information received in response to a Committee member's enquiry about the breast screening unit and its location. He reported that:

- The unit which had been located at the Sir Robert Peel Hospital was a mobile unit which toured around several locations and was generally static at each location for 4-6 months.
- There was a three-year rolling programme.
- Whilst at the location invitations were sent out to eligible persons approximately three weeks before the appointment time.

- If people turn of age whilst the van was not located in Tamworth, they could self-refer to any of the mobile sites, Burton Hospital or Derby Hospital.
  - If any person developed any symptoms or discovered anything of concern then they should contact their GP who could make a 2-week wait referral (urgent referral) which could be conducted at either Burton or Derby.
- The Chair agreed to circulate further website links for members information and for sharing with constituents.

**61 RESPONSES TO REPORTS OF THE HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

None.

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

No new items.

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

The Committee received an update on health-related matters considered by Staffordshire County Council's Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Chair provided an overview of the matters discussed at the 30 January 2023 County meeting which included an update on:

- (i) The Integrated Care Partnership Strategy
- (ii) Inpatient mental health services previously provided by the George Bryan Centre
- (iii) Developing Integrated Care Hubs
- (iv) Developing Healthier Communities where the County Committee had requested that all Districts / Boroughs consider the report's recommendations in the context of their own organisation. The Committee discussed this further under the work plan item.

The Chair reported that there had been a further County meeting on 13 February 2023 and he reminded members that a recording of the meeting could be viewed and the meeting discussed:

- (i) Mental Health and Mental Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2028
- (ii) An update on Mental health Support Teams in Schools
- (iii) Childrens Mental Health Update

**64 HOUSING STRATEGY UPDATE**

The Chair reported that following the overview of the Housing Strategy which was received by this Committee in July 2022, the Committee requested regular reporting on actions and relevant data as they relate to health and wellbeing of Tamworth communities, and the Assistant Director, Partnerships had provided the first of these reports to update the Committee on actions and emerging datasets within the Housing Strategy which directly impact on health and wellbeing of Tamworth communities.

The Assistant Director, Partnerships highlighted the following in terms of each Priority:

1. Priority 1 – Enable the provision of sufficient new homes to meet the needs of the existing population and those attracted to the area for work; ensuring a range of provision to reflect both need and aspiration  
An overview of the Affordable Housing requirements was provided as well as the recent figures delivered. It was reported that the First Homes discount was secured through a planning obligation in perpetuity.
2. Priority 2 – Make best use of existing housing and related assets  
At a Staffordshire level the high level of fuel poverty and homelessness had been identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment as an area where residents' quality of lives could be improved and the Assistant Director provided an overview of the strategies used by the council to address this and to support residents remaining in their own homes. These included the commissioning (in partnership with Staffordshire County Council) of Beat the Cold to provide HEAT (Home Energy Advice Tamworth) and work with Staffordshire Warmer Homes related to energy efficiency solutions and including Green Homes funding in Tamworth where it was reported that there had been 63 requests leading to 36 installations. Other areas included the Home Upgrade Grants (HUG) fund and work related to Housing of Multiple Occupation (HMO) licensing, data related to damp and mould (in terms of council owned properties)
3. Priority 3 – Ensure housing plays a key role in delivering Tamworth's response to Climate Change  
The Net Zero Carbon Baseline Report which had been considered by the Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee prior to Cabinet consideration in Autumn 2022 which set out that an action plan would be produced by 31 December 2024. A further initiative was highlighted, ECO4 Flex, which aimed to help certain households in energy inefficient housing (who were not in receipt of means tested benefits) to access funding to improve the property's energy efficiency. The eligibility criteria included household income of under £31,000, meeting certain qualifying criteria, NHS referrals and bespoke targeting. Future reports would include data in this area.
4. Priority 4 – Ensure everyone who lives or works in Tamworth has access to appropriate housing that promotes wellbeing  
The Council commissions Citizens Advice Mid Mercia (operating as Tamworth Advice Centre) to deliver an inclusive financial wellbeing and general advice service to support the health and wellbeing of local people through effective advice. In addition the Council's Homelessness and Rough sleeping strategy sets out the strategies to provide support in this area and a separate recent update was provided to the Committee.
5. Priority 5 – Ensure appropriate advice and funding is available to support older people to live independently in appropriate accommodation  
Healthy ageing was reported to be a priority for both the Staffordshire health & wellbeing board and the Staffordshire and Stoke Integrated Care System and as part of that work workshops were underway to pull together a plan. In addition to that the council administered the Disabled Facilities Grants / Disabled Facilities Adaptions to deliver adaptions to homes to

support continued independent living, had commissioned Communities Together CIC (CT CIC) to support a hospital discharge service and Tamworth had retained its Dementia Friendly Status, as well as continuing to work with Public Health around supportive communities.

The Committee sought and received clarifications in the following areas:

1. The eligibility criteria for the ECO4 Flex scheme where the Assistant Director confirmed that that applications for this scheme would be through Beat the Cold and funding would be used for energy efficiency measure, and that this was a national Government initiative.
2. Whether hotels utilised for temporary accommodation for asylum seekers were considered as Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO) where it was reported that this was a Government initiative and not part of the HMO licensing regime.
3. Whether (and if so where) face to face appointments were taking place with Tamworth Advice Centre, where it was reported that there were taking place at CT CIC premises or at Sacred Heart Church, and that the availability of face to face appointments was publicised by the Advice Centre.
4. The Committee sought further clarification on the large increase in debt reported by the Tamworth Advice Centre for Quarter 4 and whether this doubling in debt from the previous quarter was anticipated to continue and whether this could mean an increased need for resources from the Advice Centre to support the delivery of their advice services. The Assistant Director reported that the Advice Centre had not reported that they expected the debt position to worsen and that in prior quarters the figure had remained fairly consistent. No additional resources had been requested for further staff although they had reported difficulties in retaining their existing volunteers, as was the case with much of the voluntary sector. It was further reported that the council had commissioned CT CIC to undertake work on a wellbeing strategy for Tamworth and a voluntary sector strategy, funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund which would help inform any areas for further work.
5. How residents were referred into advice services, where it was reported that various teams (including council tenant and revenues and benefits teams) within the council were trained to refer individuals to the Advice Centre services and indeed some voluntary sector partners are also involved in the system and can make referrals.
6. The importance of the voluntary sector in providing support in this area where the Assistant Director reported that the Council was reviewing the voluntary sector strategy and how Council provides support to the voluntary sector, and would take the Committee's appreciation for their work back to the Council's voluntary sector partners.
7. Under the Staffordshire Warmer Homes scheme, it was noted that the new Government scheme for Home Upgrade Grants (HUG) had not yet recorded any leads for Tamworth and the Assistant Director agreed to progress this matter with Staffordshire County further and this would be picked up in the next report.
8. The Committee noted that the funding to the Advice Centre was delivering significant savings to recipients of the service.



9. Whether there were KPIs on damp and mould for council owned properties, noting that the figures in the report related to private sector housing. The Committee requested that future reports include data, including KPIs, on damp and mould related to social / council housing.
10. Further details on what would be delivered under the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy by 2028 in terms of the works to achieve EPC of C+. The Assistant Director reported that she would revert with further detail in the next report.
11. Whether there was any Officer involvement from Tamworth in the Staffordshire Healthy Ageing Partnership work where the Assistant Director reported that contact had been made with public health colleagues at county and as this work progressed and stakeholder engagement progressed, this would help identify how best officers from the council could be involved.
12. How the council was reaching out to residents to promote services available, for example in terms of debt advice, where social media would not necessarily reach residents. It was reported that all council officers were able to refer into services and leaflets were also produced and distributed. The Committee sought clarification on the briefing and training provided to front line staff such as street wardens to assist in getting messages out to the community on the support available from the council and partners. The Assistant Director agreed to action this.

**RESOLVED:** that, subject to the comments and requests for further information requested, the Committee welcomed the report and the update provided against each of the Housing Strategy priorities and actions and requested that this be presented quarterly to the Committee, with the additional information requested.

## 65 LONELINESS AND ADDICTION SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

Report of the Assistant Director Partnerships in response to a workplan item of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to provide information on how the Council interacted with voluntary and community groups who provided services in Tamworth around substance misuse, addiction, loneliness and social isolation.

The Committee sought and received clarifications in the following areas:

1. The Committee welcomed the information contained on the voluntary sector organisations and requested any data on referrals from council staff into these services to better understand the demand and take up for these services from Tamworth residents. The Assistant Director reported that further data could be provided from organisations which we commissioned, such as Betterway, which would not necessarily be limited to referrals from council officers.
2. The Committee requested that every two years there was an all members seminar session to which voluntary organisations were invited to share their work which would be face to face event, and in the intervening years, there was online training from Officers for members to ensure that there

was an overview of the work of the voluntary sector partner's work in Tamworth.

3. Where to find access to the most up to date information on voluntary sector organisations operating locally, where the Assistant Director reported that Support Staffordshire provided details via its Staffordshire Connects portal to voluntary sector organisations locally. This was a public searchable database of contact details for voluntary sector organisations. It was agreed that a link to this be circulated to all councillors to ensure that there was access to the most up to date information on services delivered locally.
4. How to support those without access to social media, where the Assistant Director agreed that this area was supported by our anchor organisations and included the loneliness helpline which CT CIC run.
5. When the data to develop the Wellbeing Strategy, the Voluntary Sector Strategy and the Voluntary Sector Commissioning Strategy was expected to be available. The Assistant Director reported that this data was expected to be available by the end of March 2023. From that the Strategies would be developed. The Committee requested a timeline for when the Strategies would be delivered to help support the Committee's work load planning, which the Assistant Director agreed to come back with. The Assistant Director agreed to provide the links to the upcoming stakeholder event being undertaken by CT CIC for members to engage with as appropriate.

**RESOLVED:** that the Committee

1. Welcomed the Report provided
2. Recommended that every two years there was a face-to-face all members seminar forum to which voluntary organisations were invited and in the intervening years, there was online training from Officers for members on the voluntary sector partners' work
3. Recommended that the Council's website signpost to the Staffordshire Connects website which was a public searchable database of contact details for voluntary sector organisations locally.

## **66 FORWARD PLAN**

The Chair agreed that he would discuss the Community Safety Partnership Plan item on the Forward Plan with the Chair of Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny Committee, as this was identified for consideration by that scrutiny committee.

## **67 WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

There were no working group updates.

**68 HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY WORK PLAN 2022-2023**

The Committee considered the 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>		
<b>Topics</b>	<b>Target Meeting</b>	<b>Additional information</b>
Inpatient mental health pathways and community mental health services pathways		
Mental health / wellbeing support provision for council staff and councillors	18 April 2023	
<b>2. Homelessness &amp; Housing</b>		
<b>Topics</b>	<b>Target Meeting</b>	<b>Additional information</b>
Housing Strategy – performance reporting	Regular (quarterly) reporting – next meeting date – June 2023	Invite Assistant Director, Partnerships
Homelessness Winter Relief Update	June 2023	To receive feedback on the outcomes
Condition of Council Housing stock from a health & wellbeing perspective		Committee has since requested KPIs on damp and mould for council housing to be included within quarterly Housing Strategy updates

**Other suggested topics for Committee consideration**

Developing Health Communities – see link to Staffs County Report. <a href="http://staffordshire.gov.uk">Developing Healthier Communities Workshop Report (staffordshire.gov.uk)</a>	18 April 2023	Invitation to be extended to relevant officers including Executive Director, Communities, Assistant Director, Partnerships, Public Health Officer at County
Include consideration of the role of schools at sixth form, secondary & primary level.		
Green and open spaces	28 March 2023 meeting	Assistant Director, Operations & Leisure invited
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
Safeguarding updates (2 per year)	18 October 2022 & 28 March 2023	Invitation to Portfolio Holder and Officers
CPR & Defibrillator awareness and community engagement	Targeting Autumn 2022	Liaise with local charity (Have a Heart) Progress within schools in implementing guidance this area
Recovery & Reset – Customer Service Offer update following LUF bid outcome		
Committee Annual Report (draft)	18 April 2023	

**Specific topics to feed in to Staffordshire County Council (separate from main Themes)**

Topic	Date of planned Staffs consideration	Additional information
Strategic Transformation Programme (STP)		To tie in with County consideration when dates for County consideration known

**Possible Working Group topics**

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
Public Toilets (following full Council referral)	Target meeting - 28 March 2023	Working group members: Councillors Claymore, Maycock and Wadrup
Migrant travelling community		Members to be identified together with members of the IS&G Scrutiny Committee

<b>Upcoming Health &amp; Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Meetings</b>
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Meeting dates:
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28 March 2023
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18 April 2023 (new)
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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>• 20 March 2023</li><li>• 12 June 2023</li><li>• 24 July 2023</li><li>• 18 September 2023</li><li>• 16 October 2023</li><li>• 27 November 2023</li><li>• 29 January 2023</li><li>• 18 March 2023</li></ul> |
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Chair

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**Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee****District and Borough Council 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 meetings of the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 13 February 2023.

**Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee 13 February 2023****Mental Health and Mental Wellbeing Strategy**

The Committee considered the Mental Health and Mental Wellbeing Strategy and were informed that the strategy had been jointly developed by the Council and ICB. It was intended for the strategy to be a simplified high-level strategy. The Committee were advised that there had been a number of wide range focus groups and consultations involved in the development of the strategy. The Committee made comments and agreed to receive the strategy.

**Update on Mental Health Support Teams in Schools**

The Committee received an update report Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) in Schools and were advised that the MHST approach was set out in a green paper – Transforming Children and Young People’s Mental Health provision. This green paper set out three major proposals to transform children and young people’s mental health provision with a focus on improving mental health in education:

- a) incentivise all schools and colleges to identify and train senior mental health leads in education settings
- b) new MHSTs across education settings to provide early intervention and support the promotion of good mental health and wellbeing
- c) Pilot 4-week waiting times to access specialist NHS CYPMH services.

The Committee noted the plan for expansion of MHST by March 2024 and the progress, challenges and barriers experienced to date.

**Childrens Mental Health Update**

The Committee received an update presentation on Childrens Mental Health. The Committee were updated on the Mental Health Portfolio Structure and key performance indicators. There was now a Mental Health System Performance Dashboard and a snapshot of the latest CAHMS data was shared with the Committee.

The Committee were informed of the NHS long term plan commitments for Children & Young People and the refreshed Mental Health Local Transformation Plan 2022. The Committee were also advised of the increase in complexity and number of referrals. CYP access rates achieved 35% across the ICS.

It was reported that CYP Mental Health Services were moving to a Thrive Model and away from a tiered approach. The Thrive model was an integrated, person-centred and needs led approach to delivering mental health services for children and young people.

The Committee agreed to receive the presentation and requested data to evidence the increase in demand and complexity of Childrens Mental Health be shared with the Committee.

To see the reports in full and view the webcast of the meeting see the links below:

[Agenda for Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 13th February 2023, 10:00am - Staffordshire County Council](#)

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 March 2023 at 10.00 am, County Buildings, Stafford.



**TUESDAY 28TH MARCH 2023**

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

**Safeguarding Children and Adults at risk of abuse report (October 22 - March 23)**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

## Safeguarding Statistics

The number of safeguarding concerns referred via the council's safeguarding reporting procedure for the date period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 are detailed in the table below:

Referral type	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
Child referrals	4	6	5	4	19
Adult referrals	9	10	8	7	34
Total combined referrals	13	16	13	11	53

Table 1: Safeguarding concerns raised by staff 2022/23

Miscellaneous	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
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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.

### The Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Abuse and Neglect Policy

Version 18 of the policy has been updated to reflect changes in legislation and has been added to astute for all staff / members to be aware of the updated document.

### Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding training continues within the organisation where staff members will be accessing training courses on offer from Staffordshire Children's Safeguarding Board.

Level 1 safeguarding training is delivered to staff/members via eLearning or face-to-face sessions.

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 due to attending Child Protection conferences have been identified and requested to complete this training. The training is delivered via Microsoft Teams.

Level 3 safeguarding children training provides subject specific training courses. For different areas of safeguarding and vulnerability. Appropriate staff are encouraged to attend courses to gain better understanding of the subject area and improve practice. Level 3 also now covers 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. There have been 124 drivers who have attend the sessions since January 2022. Training will be continued for updates and new drivers bimonthly.

### **Suicide prevention training**

The free suicide prevention training has been made available to all staff to attend along with a 20-minute briefing.

This has been 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.

### **Adult Safeguarding Board**

The Partnerships and Vulnerability Officer recently attended Trauma Informed Practice in Adult Safeguarding, which highlighted concerns around self-neglect/ mental health and the associated behaviours around adults who access services with these conditions. Also, we have been informed that in response to a Safeguarding Adult Review referral the Adult Safeguarding Board is looking at doing something on the practical application of mental capacity legislation in the next 6 months.

### **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.

The new Partnerships Community & Cohesion Officer coming into post this will play a vital role in supporting the work we do around Modern Slavery and Prevent.

Staffordshire has seen a gradual increase in the reporting of Modern Slavery which is in line with the national picture.

This supports Tamworth's Corporate and Partnership Community Safety Plan with the following:

Production of a revised Modern Slavery Statement for 2022/23 by September 2023.

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 \(England and Wales\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612222/nrm-guidance-adult-2020.pdf)

## **Contextual Safeguarding**

The Multi Agency Child Exploitation Panel (MACE) continues and is the forum for safeguarding children at risk of criminal 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 Housing, Community wardens and the Partnerships Enforcement Officer.

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 This includes the threat from Islamist, Extreme Right Wing and Left Wing, Anarchist and Single Issue 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.

The Prevent agenda sets across of work streams that the Council continue to work in partnership with Staffordshire County Council, Staffordshire Police and the Counter Terrorism Unit

There have been no identified concerns reported by Tamworth Borough Council staff which may require referral of a young person at risk of radicalisation to the Prevent Channel panel.

Prevent self assessment toolkit has been completed and reported to the County PREVENT board.

### **Daily Briefings**

We have brought back the daily briefings to take place on a Monday and Thursday morning for partners to share concerns over the last 48hrs and to request any information regarding concerns around safety and vulnerability.

This has been a useful way for all agencies who attend to update case files and share information appropriately as needed.

This has also help support the TVP (Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership) and the anti-social behaviour coordination group meetings.

### **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 continue to lead to the formation of professional's 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.

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

[Children Act 1989](#)

[Children Act 2004](#)

[Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#)

[Care Act Statutory Guidance](#)

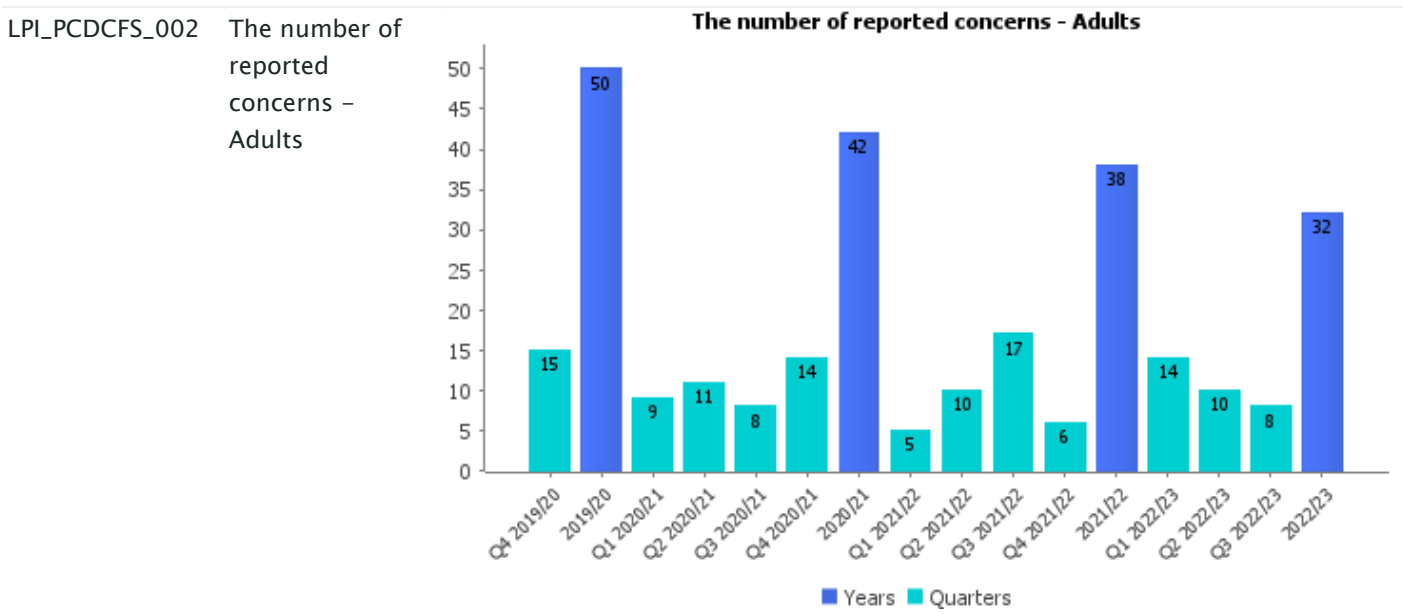
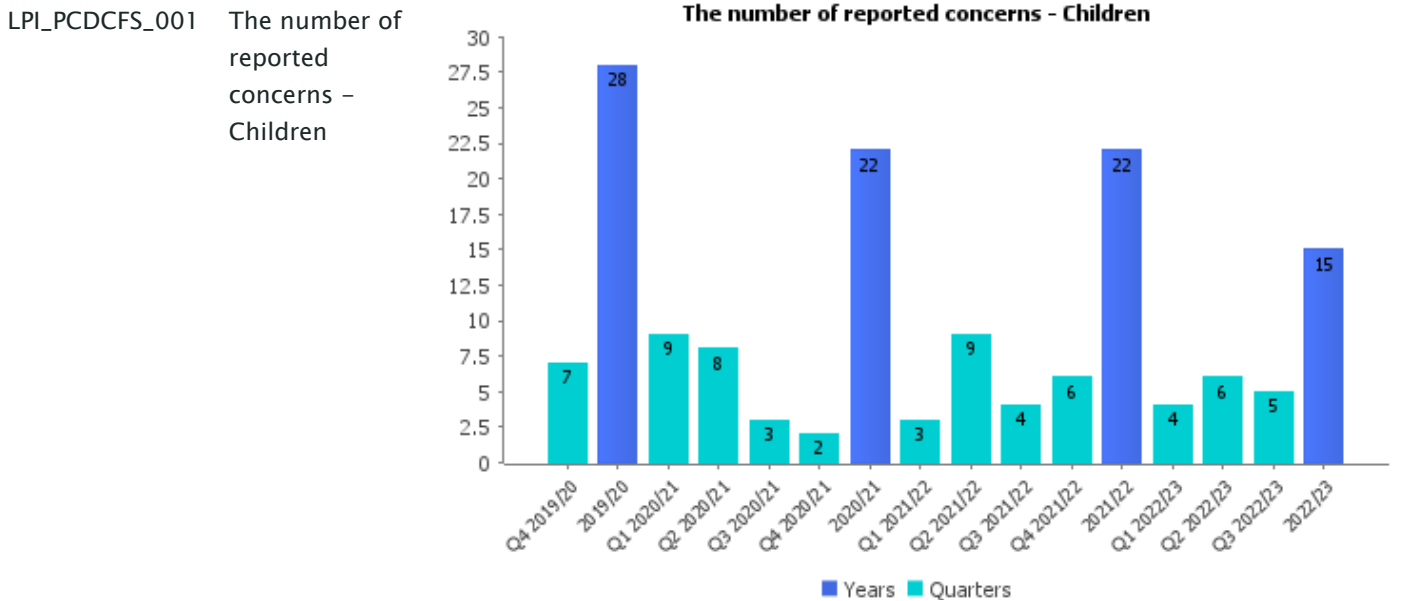
## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 Safeguarding referral overview

# Safeguarding Performance Indicators v2

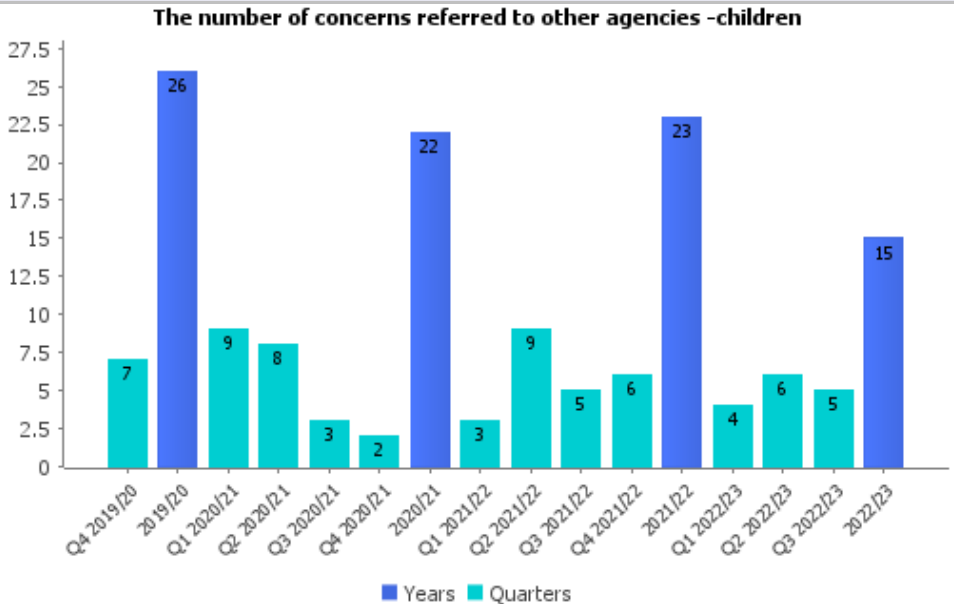
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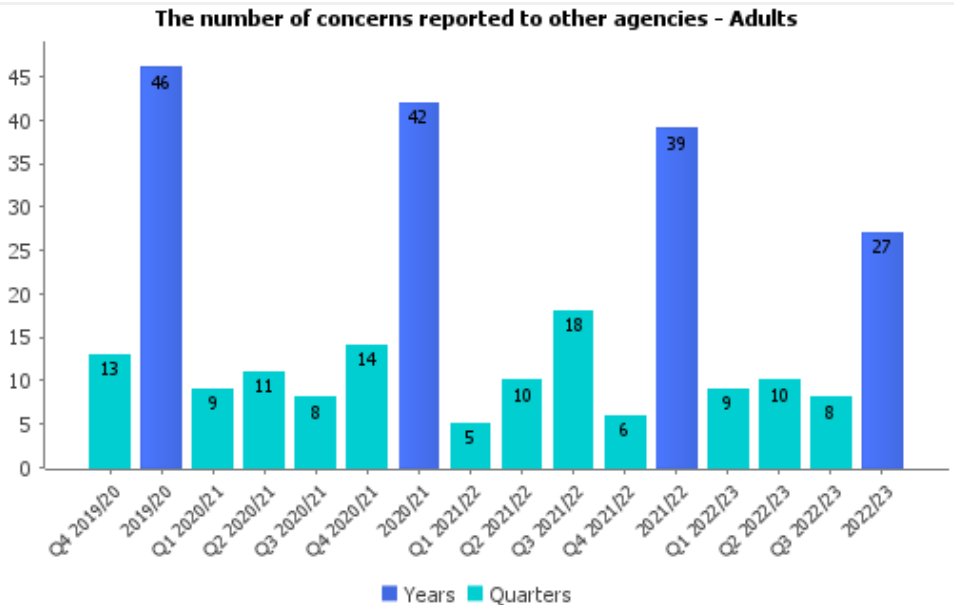


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LPI\_PCDCFS\_003 The number of concerns referred to other agencies -children



LPI\_PCDCFS\_004 The number of concerns reported to other agencies - Adults





## Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Plan

Work Plan		
Work Area Themes for the Year		
<b>1. Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>		
Topics	Target Meeting	Additional information
Inpatient mental health pathways and community mental health services pathways		
Mental health / wellbeing support provision for council staff and councillors	18 April 2023	
<b>2. Homelessness &amp; Housing</b>		
Topics	Target Meeting	Additional information
Housing Strategy – performance reporting	Regular (quarterly) reporting – next meeting date – June 2023	Invite Assistant Director, Partnerships
Homelessness Winter Relief Update	June 2023	To receive feedback on the outcomes
Condition of Council Housing stock from a health & wellbeing perspective		Committee has since requested KPIs on damp and mould for council housing to be included within quarterly Housing Strategy updates

Other suggested topics for Committee consideration		
Developing Healthier Communities – see link to Staffs County Report. <a href="http://staffordshire.gov.uk">Developing Healthier Communities Workshop Report (staffordshire.gov.uk)</a>  Include consideration of the role of schools at sixth form, secondary & primary level.	18 April 2023	Invitation to be extended to relevant officers including Executive Director, Communities, Assistant Director, Partnerships, Public Health Officer at County
Green and open spaces	28 March 2023 meeting	Assistant Director, Operations & Leisure invited
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
Safeguarding updates (2 per year)	18 October 2022 & 28 March 2023	Invitation to Portfolio Holder and Officers
CPR & Defibrillator awareness and community engagement	Targeting Autumn 2022	Liaise with local charity (Have a Heart) Progress within schools in implementing guidance this area
Recovery & Reset – Customer Service Offer update following LUF bid outcome		
Committee Annual Report (draft)	18 April 2023	
Specific topics to feed in to Staffordshire County Council (separate from main Themes)		
Topic	Date of planned Staffs consideration	Additional information
Strategic Transformation Programme (STP)		To tie in with County consideration when dates for County consideration known

**Possible Working Group topics**

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
Public Toilets (following full Council referral)	Target meeting - 28 March 2023	Working group members: Councillors Claymore, Maycock and Wadrup
Migrant travelling community		Members to be identified together with members of the IS&G Scrutiny Committee

**Upcoming Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Meetings**

Meeting dates:

28 March 2023

18 April 2023 (new)

**Upcoming Relevant County Council Meetings**

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

- 20 March 2023
- 12 June 2023
- 24 July 2023
- 18 September 2023
- 16 October 2023
- 27 November 2023

- 29 January 2024
- 18 March 2024