

**Summary of the main items of business from the
Staffordshire Health Scrutiny Committee meeting – 5 Nov 2012**

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<p>The Committee held Robert Marshall the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Public Safety to account, He gave an introduction to the challenges and issues in relation to the outcomes in support of the Strategic Plan. He identified the excessive number of winter deaths as a challenge, that there were two principal strategies to address this, greater uptake of Influenza vaccination by the vulnerable and an improvement in the quality of housing. He advised that alcohol was also a contributory factor as were often the reason for slips and falls. It was an accepted cause for some long term complaints in particular liver disease. He cited maternal smoking and smoking generally as a negative across all areas of health but interventions and initiatives were having a positive effect. He commented that there were also issues around underage conception, early interventions by health partnerships were having a positive effect. Child obesity is a challenge but overall the figures are going down due to ongoing work across the County. The disappearance of Healthy Schools Initiative, healthy diet and exercise, and the move towards academies had also presented challenges. There was an acceptance that school heads and governors had a critical role to play in this area. These are issues that are universal and not exclusive to Staffordshire. Questions were raised on issues that included the development of integrated care plans, uptake of flu vaccinations alcohol and drug related matters and the differences across the County in life expectancy, infant mortality and underage conceptions. The Committee agreed a number of issues for further investigation and response from the Cabinet Member.</p>	All
The Committee received District/Borough Health Scrutiny Updates . (see email)	All
There were no Health Trust / LINK updates	All

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<p>The Committee questioned representatives of from the Heart and Stroke Network, Staffordshire Cluster of Primary Care Trusts, Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Joint Commissioning Unit who presented a review outlining work undertaken in respect of Regional Stroke Services. The Committee raised questions around travelling times, public transport links, and local health inequalities being taken into consideration and cross border movement of patients. It was agreed that the Committee be formally consulted on the implications of the review on completion.</p> <p>The members discussed the criteria to be met if a hospital was to successfully achieve hyper acute status. Namely 600 stroke patients each year, UHNS regularly exceeded this number and has the status. Queens Hospital Burton was seeking to obtain the status but acknowledged a need to increase patient numbers in this area. Current numbers of 350 fell short however it was anticipated increased numbers of patients from Tamworth, Stoke and South Derbyshire in the future may remedy the deficit. Mid-Staffs would have the status of an acute stroke unit.</p>	All
<p>Report of the Scrutiny and Support Manager – Work Programme 2012/13 An updated work programme has been developed and. following agreement at the last meeting the issue of the development of the Integrated Care Plans has been added to the programme</p>	All

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<p>Health Scrutiny Accountability Sessions</p> <p>The latest Health Scrutiny Accountability Session for University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust was held on Monday 22 October 2012 .Health Scrutiny Members from the County, Stafford Borough, Newcastle Borough and Staffordshire Moorlands, and members of the public, challenged Trust representatives on progress with improving their care and services.</p> <p>An Accountability Session with the South Staffordshire and Shropshire NHS Foundation Trust was held on 21 November 2012. Health Scrutiny Members from the County's Health Select Committee, members of District and Borough Health Scrutiny Committees questioned representatives from the Trust., on communications and engagement when undertaking service reconfiguration, mental health needs of an ageing population, partnership working with GP's bed availability and the move away from in patient care.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust :- Following the announcement in September in relation to the A&E at Stafford Hospital remaining closed overnight. A commitment was given to work with partners to explore if patients with specific conditions could be admitted during the night via the ambulance service. Work has been completed by hospital doctors,</p> <p>Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust :- Following concerns raised by members in October, I have been in contact with the Trust in relation to issues at Queens Hospital who advised over the course of 2 weeks the Trust has had a number of its inpatient facilities closed to admissions due to the outbreak of Norovirus.</p> <p>Centre for Public Scrutiny</p>	

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<p>Staffordshire County Council has been successful in securing funding from the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) for work in the area of scrutiny development. As part of this work, a workshop was held on Tuesday 20 November to explore the development of the emerging relationship between Scrutiny and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's) as responsibilities are transferred from the Primary Care Trust to the CCG's. The event was well attended by members of the Staffordshire Health Select Committee, Members and officers from District and Borough Health Scrutiny Committees and officers representing the CCG's across Staffordshire. The outcomes from the event will be written up and circulated to all organisations in due course.</p> <p>An Accountability Session has been arranged with the West Midlands Ambulance Service Trust on the 31 January 2013.</p> <p>The next Health Select Committee Meeting will take place on Monday 7th January 2013, the Oak Room County Buildings Stafford.</p>	
<p>There were no Health Trust/LINK updates</p>	