

**Summary of the main items of business from the
Staffordshire Health Scrutiny Committee meeting – 5 September 2011**

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<p>As requested, the Chief Executive of University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust informed the Committee of the latest position on the reviews of issues with interventional radiology and the Trust's action.</p> <p>Verbal feedback from Dr Molyneux's review of cases was that, "The service provided at UHNS for patients suffering from stroke and brain haemorrhage is good with no issues regarding technical performance found". However, his report was expected to highlight areas where issues of judgement and behaviour could impact on the effective working of the department and care. The claim for payment had been found to be a proper claim for actual activity delivered and all the scans reported over the 2010 bank holiday weekend in question had been reviewed/re-reported and no clinically significant discrepancies/errors had been found.</p> <p>Scrutiny focused on: the number of scans undertaken over the bank holiday weekend; the time period of the reviews; the views of staff; the arrangements for implementing and monitoring the actions arising from the reviews; the context of Fit for the Future; and supporting the department. On this last point, the Trust is looking to see if an ex-medical director from another organisation can come in and assist. There will be a decision to be made about the consultant concerned coming back to work, possibly on a phased basis. It is also possible that support will be needed from one of the larger centres for interventional radiology, with some of the more complex cases going there.</p> <p>The Committee recommended that the Trust produce good practice guidelines for scans undertaken both 'in hours' and 'out of hours'. The Trust were also asked to respond to Committee's expectation that they will act to mitigate any present risks to patient care resulting from the current state of relationships in the department (whilst implementing the recommendations from the reviews of interventional radiology).</p> <p>The Trust continue to supply copies of the Chief Executive Briefings on this matter. There will be an opportunity for further questions at the next Accountability Session with this Trust.</p>	<p>Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council (BC) and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (DC)</p>
<p>The Committee considered an interim report presenting the broad themes captured from the Carers Consultation 2011. Members were interested to learn that the effects of caring on the carer's health and wellbeing came out strongly in the consultation responses, with a significant emphasis on stress.</p> <p>Discussion highlighted the level of response to the consultation and the</p>	<p>All</p>

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<p>need to continue to listen and act on feedback from carers in the early stages of implementing the Commissioning Strategy for Carers and the Carers Assessment and Provision of Services Policy. It also highlighted the need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staff to be aware of, and promote, the various support services available; • outcome focused carers assessments; • raising the profile of young carers; and • maintaining the momentum of this work through the potential transfer of staff to the Partnership NHS Trust; <p>as well as opportunities around financial advice and streamlining paperwork.</p> <p>The Committee have requested a report on how the finalised Strategy and Policy respond to the views arising from the consultation. In due course, the Committee will scrutinise the implementation of the Strategy and Policy, including hearing from carers themselves.</p>	
Report of the Scrutiny and Support Manager	
<p>Work Programme 2011/12 - A workshop for the purpose of co-ordinating the County, District and Borough Council health scrutiny work programmes took place that afternoon. Feedback will be provided.</p>	All
<p>As part of the Scrutiny Development Area: Centre for Public Scrutiny Health Reforms Programme work, the Scrutiny and Support Manager, Vice-Chairman and Vanessa Pugh, County Commissioner (Long Term Conditions), had attended an action learning workshop with the other Areas on 31 August 2011 to assist with the preparation of the Programme publication. The case study of this work has been e-mailed to the Committee Members and a report will be submitted to the Committee in due course for them to consider their future role and next steps.</p>	All
<p>The findings of the visit to Accident and Emergency (A&E) at University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust will be fed back to the Trust and the Committee will consider the implications for their work programme. The LINK Member has been requested to share details of the subsequent enter and view visit to A&E.</p>	All
<p>Lower Level / Preventative Mental Health Services Scrutiny Review - The working group's work is concluding and the draft final report with recommendations, for discussion with commissioners, is being finalised.</p>	All
<p>Accountability Session Dates - North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust 21 September 2011 / South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust 5 October 2011.</p>	Newcastle-under-Lyme BC and Staffordshire Moorlands DC / All DC/BCs in south Staffordshire
<p>The Committee considered a referral from the Education Scrutiny Committee Closing the Gap Scrutiny Review. They agreed to include in</p>	All

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their work programme: an evaluation of the Antenatal Strategy Group; and consideration of the range of approaches to sharing information between Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and Education colleagues.	
The Committee were advised about and considered a referral from the Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee's consideration of the Action Plan arising from the Ofsted Inspection of Staffordshire Children's Services Contact, Referral and Assessment Arrangements 2011. The Chair has since written to the PCT Cluster on the issue of consistency across the county in commissioned arrangements for how child protection medicals are carried out.	All
Following a triangulation meeting between the Chair, Vice-Chair and County Council Cabinet Members whose portfolios fall within the remit of the Committee, there will be further work to identify opportunities for scrutiny in relation to their priorities.	All
The PCT Cluster has initiated a conversation about the consultation and engagement that needs to take place around the next moves in relation to the outcome of the Mid Staffs Clinical Services Review and central Government guidance.	Stafford BC, Cannock Chase DC and South Staffordshire DC
Invitations to NHS Trusts' Annual General Meetings were being circulated to Committee Members. The Chair asked Members to provide feedback from any that they attended.	All
The Model of Care consultation about the services of North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust is now live and the working group to prepare the Committee's response is being convened.	Newcastle-under-Lyme BC and Staffordshire Moorlands DC
Information continues to be received from the West Midlands Specialised Commissioning Team on the progress of the reconfiguration of children's congenital heart services in England.	All
University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust have been asked to provide a response to a Member's query about maternity services.	Newcastle-under-Lyme BC and Staffordshire Moorlands DC
The Committee received an update from the Local Authority Appointed Governor for Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust that covered: quality of metrics for nursing; Governors' attendance at committees; infection prevention; transfer of community hospitals and Treatment Centre; and financial plan and performance to date.	East Staffordshire BC, Lichfield DC and Tamworth BC
The Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership NHS Trust was launched on 1 September 2011.	All
The Committee were advised of the appointment of Sir Neil McKay as the Chief Executive of NHS Midlands and East, the new Strategic Health Authority cluster, from 3 October 2011.	All

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<p>The outstanding information from the Health Scrutiny Accountability Session for Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on colorectal surgery and the Care Quality Indicators has been provided and circulated to Members.</p>	<p>East Staffordshire BC, Lichfield DC and Tamworth BC</p>
<p>The Committee received District/Borough Health Scrutiny Updates. In response to the matter being raised by the Stafford Borough Council representative, the Chair agreed to write to the PCT Cluster and the NHS Trusts providing maternity services in the south of the county for a position statement on elective caesareans.</p>	<p>All (Stafford BC)</p>
<p>The Committee received a Local Involvement Network (LiNK) Update. There were some personnel changes at the LiNK with some members of the co-ordinating group moving on for various reasons. Two development workers had been recruited. Together with Stoke-on-Trent, the LiNK is facilitating an event in regard to the North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust Model of Care consultation.</p>	<p>All</p>

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Staffordshire Health Scrutiny Committee meeting – 3 October 2011**

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<p>The NHS in the West Midlands was proposing to improve the care of severely injured people by introducing a regional trauma system. Representatives of the West Midlands NHS Specialised Commissioning Team and the Primary Care Trust (PCT) Cluster came to discuss their plans with the Committee. These were to concentrate expertise, specialist services and patients in Major Trauma Centres, supported by Trauma Units and local emergency hospitals. This should increase survival rates and mean shorter and better recovery for patients. Members explored: the case for change; the designation of acute hospitals and implications for services in the county; and how the new system would be managed. The final decision on the configuration of the system would be taken early next year. The Committee were asked for their opinion on whether either formal consultation or a further period of engagement should take place to inform this decision – they advised an eight week period of engagement. The Committee also suggested that commissioners consider, with Ambulance Service colleagues, what discussions with Highways might be needed to make sure that the road network was managed to assist in dealing with major trauma. The Committee would look at this again in November 2011 and give commissioners a formal response to the proposals. Their starting point was support for University Hospital of North Staffordshire being designated a Major Trauma Centre.</p>	All
Report of the Scrutiny and Support Manager	
<p>Work programme 2011/12 - Feedback from the health scrutiny work programme co-ordination workshop would be sent out as soon as possible. The update interim work programme was agreed subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the addition of a meeting around 14 December 2011 to consider the business case for the integration of adult social care with the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership NHS Trust; • the addition of an item on Whole of Life Commissioning towards the end of the municipal year; • the addition of an item from the PCT Cluster on Integrated Primary Care Teams (date to be agreed); and • a change of meeting date from 5 March 2012 to 12 March 2012. <p>A mid-term review of the work programme would take place at the next Committee meeting. The completed Executive Response to the final report and recommendations of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Scrutiny Review and the final report of the Lower Level / Preventative Mental Health Services Scrutiny Review were expected to be available for the next Committee meeting.</p>	All

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<p>An update from the PCT on the changes to mental health day services in the south of the county was reported and an evaluation of the changes would be available for the Committee to consider around November/December 2011.</p>	<p>All District/Borough Councils in the south of the county</p>
<p>Feedback was given from the 21 September 2011 Accountability Session for North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust (the minutes would be available for the next Committee meeting). The dates of forthcoming Accountability Sessions were: South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust - 5 October 2011; Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust - 26 October 2011; and University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust - 10 November 2011. (A statement had been sent to Committee Members from Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust about their financial position, which was of concern. There would be the opportunity to ask questions about this at the Accountability Session for the Trust and the Chair might consider writing to the PCT/Strategic Health Authority on this matter. It was agreed that the area of focus for this Session would be complaints.)</p>	<p>All (Stafford Borough Council, Cannock Chase District Council and South Staffordshire District Council)</p>
<p>Feedback was given from the Regional Health Scrutiny Chairs meeting held on 20 September 2011 in Herefordshire. The agenda included: West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust - roll out of Make Ready (which already operated in Staffordshire) and a brief Introduction to NHS Pathways and the Directory of Services; Autism West Midlands - the implementation of the legislation and statutory guidance for local authorities and NHS organisations to support implementation of the autism strategy; West Midlands Specialised Commissioning - update on the Major Trauma and Safe and Sustainable (paediatric heart services) reviews; and Strategic Health Authority - national legislation update. The Committee have requested a position statement on the implementation of the autism strategy in Staffordshire.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>The Care Quality Commission (CQC) and the Centre for Public Scrutiny had announced a series of free workshops to promote new guides for scrutiny committees and local councillors on how to work with the CQC. The Chair would attend the 8 November 2011 workshop.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>That view of the Committee that engagement rather than formal consultation should take place on the transfer of emergency vascular surgery from Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust to University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust was confirmed and the PCT Cluster was asked to: keep the Chair in touch with the progress of this engagement, including the events being set up; and clarify whether follow up care/outpatient appointments would take place at Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust for the relevant patients.</p>	<p>All</p>

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<p>Following press coverage of comments by Andrew Lansley on the subject of Private Finance Initiative hospitals, a copy of a press release from University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust had been sent to Committee Members.</p>	<p>Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council</p>
<p>The Committee considered the response of University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust to Councillor Cornes's inquiry about maternity care. The Chair was inclined to ask further questions about maternity care at the next Accountability Session for the Trust. The PCT were also looking at this issue and were asked to cover, in their review, the advice given to women on when to contact the maternity unit and to share the findings of the review with the Committee.</p>	<p>Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council</p>
<p>The Committee was informed of the appointment of Hugh Evans as Fit for the Future programme director.</p>	<p>Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council</p>
<p>The Committee received District/Borough Health Scrutiny Updates.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Councillor Becket reported on his attendance at the Annual General Meetings of University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust and NHS North Staffordshire. Councillor Constable had provided notes of her attendance at South Staffordshire PCT Board meeting on 20 July 2011.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>There was no Local Involvement Network (LINK) Update on this occasion.</p>	<p>All</p>

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<p>Committee to seek involvement in work on excess seasonal winter mortality in their area and Newcastle Borough Council Health Scrutiny Committee to seek scrutiny involvement in work on infant mortality in their area.</p> <p>The Committee requested more information on (local) action on obesity in children and adults. They also expressed an interest in following up, in due course, on the evaluation of the impact of the Community Wellbeing Fund.</p> <p>The Committee noted the opportunity to question any organisation that came before it about their public health contribution. <u>District/Borough Council Members noted the opportunity for their health scrutiny committees to do the same.</u></p>	<p>Council (SBC) Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council (NBC)</p>
<p>The Committee received the executive response to the final report and recommendations of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Scrutiny Review. The recommendations were accepted and action promised by the Cabinet Member and Director for Public Health, Chief Executive of University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust, the County Council's Commissioner for Care & Independence and the majority of Clinical Commissioning Groups and District and Borough Councils in the county (not all were in a position to respond immediately).</p> <p>The report had prompted a review of investment in, and provision of, cardiac rehabilitation services in the county to address the shortfall identified.</p> <p>The Health Scrutiny Committee would monitor the delivery of the action plan on a six monthly basis until all the recommendations had been implemented fully.</p>	<p>All</p>
Report of the Scrutiny and Support Manager	
<p>The work programme was reviewed and agreed.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Two Committee Members would participate in a joint working group to assist in the development of the Drugs and Alcohol Strategy business plan.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>The Engaging Staffordshire consultation would be considered at the 28 November 2011 Committee meeting, with Members of the Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee invited to the meeting for the purpose of joint scrutiny of this item.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>The additional meeting to consider the business case for the integration of adult social care with the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership NHS Trust would take place on the morning of 13 December 2011 at County Buildings.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>The stroke and discharge scrutiny reviews would be given priority.</p>	<p>All</p>

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A copy of the final response to North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust's Model of Care: The Future Now consultation was circulated.	NBC and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (SMDC)
The consultation on proposals to redesign inpatient mental health services across south Staffordshire would be considered at the 13 December 2011 meeting.	District/Borough Councils in the south of the county
Scrutiny Development Area – Centre for Public Scrutiny Health Reforms programme: The work had concluded and the publication was expected in November 2011.	All
The Lower Level/Preventative Mental Health Services Scrutiny Review Final Report was expected to be available for the November 2011 meeting. The PCT Cluster report on Integrated Primary Care Teams was expected to be available for the January 2012 Committee meeting.	All
<p>The Joint Health Scrutiny Accountability Session for Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust had been held on 26 October 2011 and scrutiny had included: the future of Accident & Emergency services at Stafford Hospital, staffing levels, the review of services being undertaken, the financial position of the Trust and the visits by the Care Quality Commission.</p> <p>The dates of forthcoming Accountability Sessions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust (UHNS) – 10 November 2011 (Interventional radiology was the area of focus for the Session for UHNS and after the Session, the Committee would need to decide what further follow up on A&E would be appropriate). • Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – 17 November 2011. • West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust – 26 January 2011 (Care Pathway Redesign would be the area of focus for this Session). <p>Members were encouraged to submit questions for these Sessions.</p>	<p>SBC/Cannock Chase District Council/South Staffordshire District Council</p> <p>NBC/SMDC</p> <p>East Staffordshire Borough Council Council/Lichfield District Council/Tamworth District Council</p> <p>All</p>
The Chair and Scrutiny and Support Manager had attended the South Staffordshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee's Event "Healthcare at the Interface". The aims of this event were to: spotlight new and existing Community Pharmacy services; identify local solutions to	District/Borough Councils in the south of the county

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health-related challenges; and encourage co-operation and joint working across health, wellbeing and social care interfaces.	
A consultation had been launched on implementing a 'Duty of Candour', a contractual requirement on NHS providers to be open with patients when things went wrong with their healthcare. The consultation ran until 2 January 2012. Please see the link below for more details. http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_130400	All
The response of the PCT Cluster to an inquiry about intermediate care had been circulated to Members of the Committee. Responses had also been received by the Chair (but not yet circulated) in regard to correspondence on arrangements for child protection medicals and caesareans. In due course, the Committee would decide if any further follow up of these matters was appropriate.	All
The Committee received District/Borough Health Scrutiny Updates .	All
There was no Local Involvement Network (LINK) Update on this occasion.	All

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<p>The Committee, together with the Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee, considered the Engaging Communities Staffordshire Consultation by the Cabinet Member for Adults' Wellbeing. The Chair had written to local NHS trusts to obtain their views on this matter prior to the meeting. Members probed the extent to which the community led organisation that was proposed might meet the aims of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • making it easier for people to give feedback - including to complain - through a single point of contact; • improving the approach to responding to and resolving issues - introducing a greater degree of independence and increasing public confidence; and • improving the way feedback information was used to give a holistic picture of how the care system was working - including early warning of problems. <p>A response to the consultation would be prepared and submitted by the deadline of 16 January 2012.</p>	All
<p>In previous scrutiny of proposals for improving trauma care within the West Midlands, the Committee had advised commissioners that a period of engagement should take place. As part of this engagement, they took the opportunity to consider and comment on the future configuration of services and the implications for Staffordshire, ahead of the implementation of the preferred trauma care system. University Hospital of North Staffordshire would be a Major Trauma Centre, which was what the Committee had wanted. Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust would remain Local Emergency Hospitals.</p> <p>Commissioners were asked to keep the Committee informed of progress towards implementation (Members subsequently received a copy of Trauma Care Network News). Members welcomed the invitation to work with commissioners on preventing major trauma.</p>	All
<p>Accident and Emergency Services - The Committee brought together representatives of the relevant NHS trusts: Primary Care Trust Cluster; West Midlands Ambulance Service; and acute trusts including Mid Staffordshire, Walsall and Wolverhampton. (Information had also been obtained via the Health Scrutiny Accountability Sessions for University</p>	All

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<p>Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust and Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.) With additional Members of Stafford Borough Council and South Staffordshire District Council committees dealing with health scrutiny, the Committee challenged the representatives about the: planning and preparation for the temporary overnight closure of A&E at Stafford Hospital; monitoring arrangements during the closure; and progress towards reopening. Members gained assurance that the decision had been taken for reasons of patient safety and that the trusts were acting together to make sure that safe, responsive and high quality services were in place.</p> <p>Members asked to be kept informed of what was happening during the closure and of progress towards reopening, with regular updates supplied by Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust. This matter would be followed up at the next Accountability Session for this Trust.</p>	
Report of the Scrutiny and Support Manager	
<p>The Committee would keep their agreed work programme 2011/12 under review with regard to capacity and priorities. The final report of the Lower Level / Preventative Mental Health Services Scrutiny Review was expected to be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>The latest Health Scrutiny Accountability Sessions for the University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust and Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust had been held in November 2011 with the areas of focus being Interventional Radiology and Nutrition respectively.</p> <p>(The answers to Councillor Beckett's questions on Interventional Radiology from the Session for University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust had been received and passed on.)</p> <p>(The answers to East Staffordshire Borough Council Health Scrutiny Members' questions from the Session for Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust were subsequently published with the information for the Session on the County Council's website).</p>	<p>All</p> <p>(East Staffordshire Borough Council)</p>
<p>The Scrutiny and Support Manager had met the Care Quality Commission (CQC) Compliance Manager and the Chair and Councillor Patricia Rowlands, Chair of Stafford Borough Council's Health Scrutiny Committee, had attended at the CQC/Centre for Public Scrutiny workshop on 8 November 2011. This was focused on the publication of guides for scrutiny committees and local councillors on how to work with the CQC. Arrangements would be made for a Members' briefing from the CQC with the opportunity to discuss future contact.</p>	All
<p>Councillor Stafford Northcote had attended the meeting of the Staffordshire Tobacco Control Alliance on 16 November 2011 and provided a note which was subsequently circulated to Members.</p>	All

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The Committee was informed that Ken Jarrold CBE had been appointed as the Chair of North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust.	Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council (NBC) and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (SMDC)
Information requested by Members at the Accountability Session for North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust had been received and circulated to Members.	NBC and SMDC
The Committee was supplied with a position statement of the implementation of the Autism Strategy in Staffordshire.	All
The Committee received District/Borough Health Scrutiny Updates.	All
Local Involvement Network (LINK) Update - David Bassett reported that the Enter and View programme was gathering pace. Councillor Brenda Constable was involved. A performance management framework was being developing in conjunction with county colleagues. The LINK was facilitating public meetings for the consultation on mental health beds in the south of the county.	All

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Agenda Item	Of particular interest to ...
<p>Partnership Arrangements with Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust</p> <p>Following on from previous scrutiny of this matter, the Committee considered the business case for the integration of certain parts of County Council adult social care with the new Partnership NHS Trust. In doing so, they took account of the views of the Assets and Budget Scrutiny Committee who had examined the business case as part of their scrutiny of the County Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p> <p>Both Committees submitted letters to the Cabinet Member for Adults' Wellbeing, with their comments and recommendations, for the Cabinet to take into account when making a decision on this matter on 21 December 2011. A formal response was requested.</p> <p>The Health Scrutiny Committee gave their support for the principle of greater integration of health and social care for the benefit of the patient (greater equity and coherence in service delivery) and agreed that the Partnership NHS Trust was the right vehicle for this. However, concerns included in the correspondence related to: governance; patient feedback and complaints; and savings.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member was asked to advise the Committee, at appropriate points, of progress with preparing for, and making, the transfer. In particular, Members wanted to know about any serious incidents and complaints around this time. In the medium term, the Committee were interested in how integration built.</p>	All
<p>Consultation on Proposals to Redesign Inpatient Mental Health Services Across South Staffordshire</p> <p>The Committee considered the consultation, inviting feedback from the District/Borough Council representatives of those committees dealing with health scrutiny who had considered this matter separately. The key issue for Members was whether community services were sufficiently well developed to reduce the number of inpatient beds, in the context of future demand.</p> <p>To look at this matter in more detail, the Committee agreed to establish a</p>	District/Borough Councils in the south of the county

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<p>working group (to meet once) to prepare the response, which would be submitted by the deadline of 16 January 2012¹. South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and the Primary Care Trust were asked to send representatives to this meeting and supply a breakdown of current bed usage and the methodology for the number of beds required.</p>	
<p>Lower Level/Preventative Mental Health Services Scrutiny Review</p> <p>The report was not available for this meeting but would be submitted to the 6 January 2012 meeting of the Committee.</p>	All

¹ The deadline for consultation responses was subsequently extended to 13 February 2012.

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<p>Health Scrutiny Committee Members had the opportunity to comment on the development of an Integrated Locality Care Team model for north Staffordshire, as preparation is underway for early implementers in Newcastle under Lyme and Staffordshire Moorlands. The model is about services and professionals working collaboratively to improve care for patients at risk, within their communities, and make better use of the resources available within the local health and social care economy – based on a case management approach. Scrutiny focused on Members' concerns about: record sharing and keeping; sharing intelligence to identify people at risk; engaging all GPs; developing the skills of the Teams; mental health input; and the fit with other community services (particularly Out of Hours and to respond to crises) in the context of the Fit for the Future programme.</p> <p>The commissioners and providers involved in developing the community model of care have been asked to: take on board the views expressed by Members in discussion of the Integrated Locality Care Teams; and provide a further report for scrutiny around July 2012 - when the early implementers are underway and information can be provided on the 'before and after' patient experience.</p>	<p>Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council (NBC) and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (SMDC)</p>
<p>Following up on previous work, the Committee considered an evaluation of the impact of the closure of mental health day services in south Staffordshire. They wanted to be sure that people using services had been supported through the transition and now had access to other services that were meeting their current needs. The evaluation included patient stories. Members' scrutiny focused on areas where there seemed to be greatest strength of feeling and what was being done in response, for example changes to clinic arrangements in Cannock.</p> <p>The Committee have asked for further feedback after 12 months to evidence that services are making a difference to people's lives.</p>	<p>District/Borough Councils in south Staffordshire</p>
<p>The draft final report of the Lower Level / Preventative Mental Health Services Scrutiny Review was presented to the Committee. A working group has carried out investigations in the areas of: improving access to psychological therapies; promoting the mental health of the recently unemployed; and making the links between the care pathways for mental health and long term conditions. The report will be submitted to the relevant organisations for a response to the findings and recommendations.</p>	<p>All</p>

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Report of the Scrutiny and Support Manager	
<p>The Committee agreed to include in their 2011/12 work programme consultation by North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust on both their phase two model of care programme and Foundation Trust status.</p> <p>Accident and Emergency would be the area of focus for the Joint Health Scrutiny Accountability Session for Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust on 16 January 2012 and the new triage system would be the area of focus for the Session for West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust on 26 January 2012.</p>	<p>NBC and SMDC</p> <p>Stafford Borough Council (SBC), Cannock Chase District Council (CCDC) and South Staffordshire District Council (SSDC) / All</p>
<p>Committee Members were asked to let the Manager know of any questions and concerns about the information that had been provided on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (Cannock and Stafford & Surrounds).</p>	<p>CCDC and SBC</p>
<p>The Manager confirmed that the letters from this Committee, and the Assets and Budget Scrutiny Committee, had been considered by the Cabinet on 21 December 2011 when they considered the Partnership Arrangements with Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust. The integration of County Council adult social care with the Trust had been agreed by Cabinet. The Cabinet Member for Adults' Wellbeing was expected to provide a formal response to the letters.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>The Committee were informed that Professor John Caldwell had been appointed as the new chair of Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust from 1 February 2012.</p>	<p>SBC, CCDC and SSDC</p>
<p>The Care Quality Commission had published reports from visits to Stafford Hospital and University Hospital of North Staffordshire Accident and Emergency. These would be taken into account by Members in their forthcoming scrutiny of the trusts. The Manager had yet to meet the new Compliance Manager for Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent.</p>	<p>SBC, CCDC and SSDC / NBC and SMDC</p>
<p>Members had been sent: the responses to the questions from the Accountability Session for Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; the dates of Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust public question and answer sessions in Cannock and Stafford and an invitation to the launch of the Trust's Quality and Safety Strategy.</p>	<p>East Staffordshire Borough Council, Lichfield District Council and Tamworth Borough Council / SBC, CCDC and SSDC</p>

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<p>Staffordshire was a Scrutiny Development Area for the Centre for Public Scrutiny work on the Health Reforms. The publication, Health overview and scrutiny: Exploiting opportunities at a time of change, could be found at http://www.cfps.org.uk/scrutiny-and-the-health-reforms .</p>	All
<p>The Committee received District/Borough Health Scrutiny Updates.</p>	All
<p>Local Involvement Network (LINK) Update - The LINK had set up a well-publicised telephone line for people to report their experiences during the temporary overnight closure of Accident and Emergency at Stafford Hospital. They had facilitated public meetings as part of the Consultation on Proposals to Redesign Inpatient Mental Health Services Across South Staffordshire and were summarising the feedback they had received. They had helped with two public events as part of the engagement about Improving Trauma Care and been represented at the Implementation Planning day that had taken place on 19 December 2011. There had been an independent review of the LINK which had found many positives as well as some areas for the LINK to consider, in the context of the transition to Healthwatch.</p>	All