

WORK PROGRAMME – 14 September 2020

Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee 2020/21

This document sets out the work programme for the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee for 2020/21.

The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee is responsible for:

- Scrutiny of matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the Authority's area, including public health, in accordance with regulations made under the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and subsequent guidance.
- Scrutiny of the Council's work to achieve its priorities that Staffordshire is a place where people live longer, healthier and fulfilling lives and In Staffordshire's communities people are able to live independent and safe lives, supported where this is required (adults).

Link to Council's Strategic Plan Outcomes and Priorities

Be healthier and more independent

A joined up approach to **Health, Care and Wellness** that encourages people to take responsibility for their own health and plan for their future, so that we can support those who really need it.

We review our work programme from time to time. Sometimes we change it - if something comes up during the year that we think we should investigate as a priority. Our work results in recommendations for NHS organisations in the county, the County Council and sometimes other organisations about how what they do can be improved, for the benefit of the people and communities of Staffordshire.

Councillor Jeremy Pert

Chair of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee

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In Staffordshire, the arrangements for health scrutiny have been set up to include the county's eight District and Borough Councils. The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee is made up of elected County Councilors and one Councillor from each District or Borough Council. In turn, one County Councillor from the Committee sits on each District or Borough Council overview and scrutiny committee dealing with health scrutiny. The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee concentrates on scrutinising health matters that concern the whole or large parts of the county. The District and Borough Council committees focus on scrutinising health matters of local concern within their area.

Work Programme 2020/21

| Date | Topic | Background/Outcomes | |
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| Committee Meetings, Reviews and Consultations | | | |
| | | Background | Outcomes from Meeting |
| 15 April 2020 (additional meeting) | Modernising Adult Social Care Programme. An update, containing an evaluation of the introduction of the service (SCC) | | Meeting cancelled |
| May/June 2020 TBC (Informal Meeting) | Staffordshire Health and Care Green Paper - - Informal Workshop | | |
| Scrutiny Review (Public session July 2020 TBA) | Urgent Care and Delayed Transfers of Care. | Item raised at Triangulation meeting. | Currently on-hold |
| 8 June 2020 | Community First Responders – Reconfiguration by West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust | | <p>RESOLVED – (a) That the report/presentation be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the impact of the above-mentioned changes on the Trusts' performance metrics be monitored closely and that further scrutiny of the Trusts' operations be undertaken at the appropriate time, as necessary.</p> <p><i>Members scrutinised and held West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust to account over their recent decision to make changes to (i) the vehicles used by Community First Responders (CFRs); (ii) range of drugs routinely carried by CFRs and; (iii) the training received, and qualifications attained by CRFs. In addition, they learned of the Trust's expectations for the future of the CFR initiative having regard to these changes and the impact on service delivery to the residents of Staffordshire.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst the Trust were unable to re-visit their decisions, they acknowledged the Committee's criticisms regarding the limited consultation and communication with local communities undertaken prior to implementation of the new arrangements. They therefore undertook to ensure that such measures on future service reconfigurations were robust, meaningful and took account of local concerns. In addition, the Trust gave the Committee assurances regarding the future of the CFR service in general and the contribution they foresaw it would make to the continued provision of an Outstanding service to the residents of the County.</i></p> |

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| 6 July 2020 | (i) Staffordshire Healthwatch Contract Update (SCC) | | |
| | <p>(ii) CCG – Financial Exception Report (CCGs)</p> <p>(i) Mental Health Burden and 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic in Staffordshire (Mental Health Trusts)</p> <p>(ii) Residential Care Provision and 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic in Staffordshire (SCC)</p> | <p>Requested at meeting on 16 September 2019</p> <p>Requested following meeting on 8 June 2020</p> | <p>RESOLVED - (a) That the reports/presentations be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the contact details of Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation and North Staffordshire Combined Health Care NHS Trusts' 24/7 emergency mental health helpline (to be supplied) be circulated to (i) Members of the Committee; (ii) all Staffordshire County Councillors and (iii) Leaders of all Staffordshire District/Borough Council's for dissemination, as appropriate.</p> <p>(c) That the Chairman highlights the importance of improving links between NHS mental health service providers and schools having regard to the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic, with Staffordshire County Council's Cabinet Members for Learning and Employability and; Children and Young People, as necessary</p> <p>(d) That the mental health burden arising from the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic in Staffordshire be monitored closely and that further scrutiny of mental health service providers be undertaken at the appropriate time, as necessary.</p> <p>They received a joint presentation/report from (i) the Director of Health and Care; (ii) Chief Executive of Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and; (iii) Chief Executive Officer North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust regarding the mental health burden arising from the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic in Staffordshire.</p> <p>Members scrutinised and held the Trusts to account over the various measures they had implemented to deal with the effects of the Pandemic including:- (i) service changes to comply with social distancing guidelines; (ii) forward planning for a potential increase in demand; (iii) ensuring access to services by existing patients were maintained and; (iii) their efforts to reach residents in high risk groups who were not already known to providers. With regard to the County Council's Public Health responsibilities, they heard that whilst the longer-term effects of the pandemic were not yet known, actions to improve mental health in the wider population would require a sustained system-wide, multi-agency approach lasting many years.</p> <p>In response to the above, the Committee identified certain immediate actions aimed at improving access to services in the County.</p> <p>RESOLVED - (a) That the presentation/report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the impact of the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic on Care Homes in Staffordshire be monitored closely and that further scrutiny of relevant commissioners be undertaken at the appropriate time, as necessary.</p> <p>They received a presentation/report from the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing regarding Residential Care Provision and the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic in Staffordshire.</p> <p>Members learned that whilst approximately 50 % of Care Homes in the County had recorded at least one case of the virus (amongst residents and staff), all Homes had been affected to a degree (i) operationally;</p> |

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| | | | <p>(ii) clinically and/or; (iii) financially. However, in line with Central Government requirements, the County Council had implemented a Care Homes Support Plan to provide (i) Advice and guidance; (ii) training in infection control; (iii) supplies of Personal Protective Equipment; (iv) surveillance and response to cases and outbreaks; (v) Clinical support; (vi) testing; (vii) intensive support with staffing where required; (viii) arrangements to reduce the movement of staff and; (ix) additional funding. They were pleased to note that the plan had helped to alleviate the position in respect of the above-mentioned areas but agreed to keep Staffordshire's response to the Pandemic under review as the situation both nationally and locally developed.</p> |
| 10 August 2020 | Backlog of hospital appointments as a result of Covid-19 (Acute Trusts, CCGs) | Requested at pre-Agenda preview on 26 June 2020 | <p>RESOLVED – (a) That the joint presentation/report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the impact of the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic on the backlog of hospital appointments be monitored closely and that further scrutiny of health Partners be undertaken at the appropriate time, as necessary.</p> <p>The Committee received a joint presentation/report from (i) Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG); (ii) University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust; (iii) School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS); (iv) University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust and; (v) Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust regarding the backlog of hospital appointments arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Members were provided with detailed statistical and graphical information relating to:- (i) Capacity; (ii) performance against the NHS Two Week Cancer Wait Target; (iii) progress in reducing the 62 and 104 Days Cancer Pathways backlogs; (iv) Cancer Endoscopy Waits; (v) progress with regard to the implementation of various Cancer Screening Programmes; (vi) Follow-up Appointments; (vii) Routine Surgery Referral to Treatment Pathway Waiting Lists; (viii) Accident and Emergency Unplanned Pathways and; (ix) Inpatient and Outpatient Activity etc.</p> <p>Members scrutinised and held the CCGs, Trusts and SAIS to account over their performance asking questions and seeking clarification where necessary. They learned that whilst the Pandemic initially had a significant impact on the NHS, many of those services which had been halted, were now in the process of being restored. Other services such as routine GP appointments had adapted/been managed remotely during the crisis in order to comply with social distancing guidelines. In addition, they were pleased to note that Staffordshire NHS Trusts/CCGs had robust plans in place for the recovery period until March 2021 and had refreshed their long-term Plans to take account of the significant change in circumstances which had occurred including identification of future risks and challenges and appropriate measures to mitigate their impact. Also, the joint working which had taken place in Health was noted and welcomed.</p> <p>The Committee went on to make various suggestions as to how the recovery phase could be improved for the benefit of residents in the County and undertook to keep the developing situation with regard to Covid-19 under close scrutiny, as necessary.</p> |
| 14 September 2020 | (i) Hearing Aids (CCGs) (ii) Winter Plans (Acute Trusts, CCGs, SCC) | Requested at pre-Agenda preview on 26 June 2020 | |
| 26 October 2020 | (i) Social Care Green Papers (National and Staffordshire) (SCC) (ii) Learning Disability Services (Day and Respite Care) (SCC) | Requested at pre-Agenda preview on 28 August 2020 | |
| 30 November 2020 | (i) Community First Responders – Update from WMAS on progress following 8 June 2020 attendance (ii) Digital Exclusion (CCGs) | Requested at pre-Agenda preview on 28 August 2020 | |

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| January 2021 (date to be arranged) | Tackling obesity – Inquiry Day (CCGs and SCC) | Requested at pre-Agenda preview on 28 August 2020 | |
| 1 February 2021 | Care Homes – (i) Future Demand and; (ii) Critical Issues (SCC) | Requested at pre-Agenda preview on 28 August 2020 | |
| 16 March 2021 | | | |
| Suggested Items | Background | | Possible Option |
| Role of Community Hospitals | The Committee wish to explore the role of the Community Hospitals within the wider Health Economy | | North of the County – Part of the consultation with the Joint Committee with Stoke on Trent South of the County – Part of the STP consultation |
| Consideration of the range of approaches to sharing information between PCTs (Now CCGs) and education. | Referral from the Education Scrutiny Committee Closing the Gap Scrutiny Review. Scrutiny and Support Manager to undertake further work and report to the Committee | | |
| Chairman's Activity | | | |
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| Working Groups/ Inquiry Days/Briefing Papers : | | | |

Membership

Jeremy Pert (Chairman)
Paul Northcott (Vice-Chairman)
Charlotte Atkins (Shadow Vice-Chairman)

Philip Atkins
Tina Clements
Janet England
Ann Edgeller
Phil Hewitt
Dave Jones
Kath Perry
Jeremy Pert
Bernard Peters
Ross Ward

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Ann Edgeller (Stafford)
Maureen Freeman (Cannock)
Richard Ford (Tamworth)
Barbara Hughes (Staffordshire Moorlands)
Adam Clarke (East Staffordshire)
Janet Johnson (South Staffordshire)
David Leytham (Lichfield)
Ian Wilkes (Newcastle-under-Lyme)

Calendar of Committee Meetings

at County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford. ST16 2LH
(at 10.00 am unless otherwise stated)

~~15 April 2020 (additional meeting) – Meeting Cancelled~~

~~8 June 2020~~

~~6 July 2020~~

~~10 August 2020~~

14 September 2020

26 October 2020

30 November 2020

1 February 2021

16 March 2021

NB: In considering their work programme for the year, Members are advised to have regard to the likelihood of referrals from Corporate Review Committee arising from the Covid-19 epidemic.