



**Health and Wellbeing Board
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HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE

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1. Summary

The purpose of this report is to appraise the Health and Wellbeing Board of some of the recent activity of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2. Recommendations

This report is for information only.

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3. Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

Care Act – Care and Support Reforms 2015 and 2016

The Committee carries out regular appraisals on the implications of the Care Act for the citizens of Shropshire and the degree of preparedness for implementation.

Most recently it has looked at impacts related to changes around Safeguarding, Deferred Payments, Carers, Social Care in Prisons and Funding Reforms.

Adult Social Care Transformation

The Committee has been briefed and will continue to monitor changes to Adult Social Care Transformation. Several Members of the Committee volunteered to work with Portfolio Holders and officers from the Performance Team in their development of new Performance Indicators

Autism

The Committee looked at the findings of a self-assessment of Shropshire's developments against the National Strategy for Autism. The Committee has been reassured that a diagnostic pathway is now in place and funded by the Clinical Commissioning Group. The Committee also explored issues relating to the conclusion of the Independent Living Fund, availability of follow up advice after initial signposting, and it has requested future performance information on this area.

Adult Safeguarding

The Committee scrutinised the Annual Safeguarding report as part of its efforts to assure itself that all necessary action is being taken by Shropshire Council to keep people safe. The Committee identified issues around communication, particularly with regard to letting people know how to report abuse, and also the feedback provided to a person who had made a report of abuse, so that they could be satisfied that the matter had been looked into. The Director of Adult Social Care agreed to look further at those issues.

The Committee agreed to monitor the implications for the Social Care budget of a change in the interpretation of the law related to the *Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards*. The change means that the Council will have responsibility for a large number of assessments the costs of which would be significant.

4. Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee

The Committee has been receiving regular reports from NHS colleagues on plans for the Future fit programme and the model of care proposed for Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin.

The Chairs are concerned that all sections of the community are provided with the opportunity to give their views at appropriate stages and that publicity will allow this to happen. Both Chairmen meet regularly with NHS representatives to air concerns as they arise.

The Committee met formally on 29 September 2014 to consider a Review of the Modernisation of Mental Health Services, conducted by the two CCGs and South Staffordshire and Shropshire Health Care Trust. Whilst the Committee agreed that 'tremendous steps forward had been made' it still had a number of areas of concern. The Committee will be writing to the Trust and CCGs setting out the concerns raised which include:

- the degree of engagement and dialogue between the Trust, CCGs, Local Authorities, Volunteers and Community Groups
- as yet unidentified reasons for differential bed occupancy rates between Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin,
- differential use of Psychiatric Intensive Care between Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin
- Number of out of county placements

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Committee Papers for Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee available from:

http://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1

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Karen Calder, Lee Chapman

Local Member

All

Appendices

None
