

**Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 16 July 2018
District/Borough 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 meeting of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee held on 16 July 2018 - link to Agenda and reports pack:

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Agenda Item	District(s)/Borough(s)
<p>Burton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>A presentation was given by the Chief Executive of the University Hospital of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust. It explained the timeline of activities leading to the merger of Burton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (BHFT) and Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (DTHFT) on the 1 July 2018. The main aims of the merger were to retain a vibrant district general hospital at Burton; to combine catchment populations which would enable the development of specialised services; deliver more care closer to home; make the best use of community hospitals; maximise benefits for patients and deliver a better care at less cost.</p> <p>The first set of services to integrate were listed as: Cardiology, Stroke, Trauma and Orthopaedic, Imaging, Renal and Cancer services. Work will continue through all services until all at both Trusts are integrated.</p> <p>The merger was expected to save in the region of £23m by 2022/23 and deliver better services for all patients. The new organisation could also take advantage of an extra £16.5m Sustainable and Transformation Funding (STF) this year which would not have been available without the merger.</p>	<p>East Staffordshire Lichfield Tamworth South Staffordshire</p>

There was a debate which covered the following areas:

- How any changes in services would be communicated with the public
- Workforce recruitment and retention
- Prevention and the reduction of admissions to hospital
- Service improvement
- CQC inspection and patient safety
- Culture change and integration
- How the STPs worked across County boundaries and how this impacted on the Trust.

The Committee felt that this was an exciting but challenging time for the Trust which should bring opportunities for improvement. The Committee asked for an update on the progress of the merger in six months time.

Their next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd July 2018.