

**Joint Health Scrutiny Accountability Session – 23 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 23 July 2018 - link to Agenda and reports pack:

<http://moderngov.staffordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=871&MId=8947>

Agenda Item	District(s)/Borough(s)
<p>West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>A presentation was given by the Chief Executive Officer of the West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (WMAS) covering the issues facing the service and the performance both for the West Midlands region and specifically for Staffordshire. The Trusts Vision, Strategic Objectives, Priorities and Values were outlined. The Trust was the top performing ambulance service in the country and had the second lowest cost base. The Trust was running at 100% staffing levels with no agency staff employed. The WMAS was the only ambulance service in the country to be rated 'Outstanding' and in a report due to be published by Lord Carter later that week, they were the most productive service nationally.</p> <p>The CEO informed the Select Committee that there were no vacancies for Paramedics and the Trust had the lowest level of staff sickness in the county. The Trust was training 300 paramedics this year and 100% of the ambulances were manned with a Paramedic. Training was important to the Trust and where staff missed sessions due to long term sickness or maternity leave, this was always rescheduled on their return.</p>	<p>All Districts and Boroughs</p>

The Trust continues to prepare for major incidents such as those seen at the Manchester arena or in Salisbury, but also more regional activity such as winter planning and the Community Defib Vanguard. The Trust had exceeded all the national targets with the exception of one which was missed by .08 of a minute.

The new Electronic Patient Record system was described and the link and transfer of data between the ambulance service and hospitals explained. The data collected by the paramedics can be sent to hospitals/treatment centres before patients arrive which ensured quicker and more efficient information sharing and diagnosis.

The Committee asked questions on the following points:

- Staff training
- Staff safety and precautions taken to protect staff.
- The Trusts financial position
- Dementia training and how patients were dealt with
- Community Defib Vanguard project
- Electronic records and first responders
- The Trusts leadership team and what could other organisations learn from them
- Planning for winter pressures
- Patient survival rates and how they were monitored

The Chairman thanked the Trust for attending the meeting and congratulated them for leading such a highly efficient and well performing organisation.

Their next meeting will be held on Monday 13th August 2018.