

**ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR FEEDBACK REPORT FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Report to Overview Select Committee – 22 October 2019

Name of Meeting:	West Sussex County Council's Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC)
Date of Meetings:	26 September 2019
Report by:	Cllr Jamie Bennett – The Council's Nominated Representative
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Cllr Mrs Gill Yeates – Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing

West Sussex Local Assistance Network was discussed as the Cabinet Member is proposing cuts again to this vital budget, in 2019-2020 the budget was reduced from £807,000 to £200,000 and now the amount is being reduced to £100,000. This will affect Food Banks, Children and family centres, Citizens Advice and social enterprises.

Stone Pillow & Turning Tides will receive cuts as will both Bognor Regis & Littlehampton food banks as part of this proposal.

West Sussex Suicide Prevention Strategy 2017-2020 was discussed in which figures show that suicide rates have reduced over the years from 10 per 100,000 population in 2013-15 to 8.5 per 100,000 in 2016-2018 overall but the data also shows a gender breakdown of 13.2 per 100,000 for males in 2016-2018 and 4.0 per 100,000 for females during the same period. The committee was due to discuss self harm but due to time this has been deferred to come back in 6 months time.

West Sussex Health Protection Report was presented by Anna Raleigh Director of Public Health at WSCC. West Sussex has great rates for children aged 1 receiving the MMR vaccination but this drops dramatically by the time children reach 3 and are due the second vaccination. Great uptake on cancer screening but there are currently delays in cervical screening test results coming back also for breast screening appointments all of these are a key focus for the NHS in West Sussex.

Substance Misuse Services are also doing well with more people coming forward for support to get off drugs or drink with 1537 people being supported. 443 of them are aged between 35-44 and sadly 43 are aged under 18. Naloxone is being issued around the county to help save the lives of drug addicts who have taken an overdose to try and reduce the number of drug related deaths.

The next meeting of HASC is on Thursday 27 November when we will be looking at the following topics.

Proposals to improve mental health services in West Sussex

Housing Related Support

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SECAMB Update

Low Vision Services

Winter Planning

Briefing on GP patient ratio

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