

## Update on other Board business

### Purpose of report

For information and comment.

### Summary

Members to note the following updates:

- Outside Bodies / external meetings
- Mental Health Crisis Concordat
- Children's Health
- Public Health Settlement 2015-16
- Annual LGA Public Health Conference - 4 February 2014
- Public Health System Group and Stakeholder Forum

### Recommendations

Members are asked to:

1. **approve** the recommendation contained in **paragraph 10** that the LGA supports and promotes the Mental Health Member Champions network;
2. provide direction on whether the LGA should sign up to the Mental Health Crisis Concordat and its associated actions, as detailed in **paragraph 33**;
3. **note** the updates contained in the report; and
4. provide oral updates on any other outside bodies / external meetings they may have attended on behalf of the Community Wellbeing Board since the last Board in November.

### Action

As directed by members.

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### Outside Bodies and external meetings

#### Roundtable on integrated care with Sir John Oldham

1. Cllr Ford, along with Carolyn Downs and Sally Burlington, joined a number of council Chief Executives and Adult Services Directors for an LGA-organised roundtable discussion on integrated care with Sir John Oldham on 2 December. Sir John is chairing Labour's Independent Commission on Whole Person Care, which will make policy recommendations to the Shadow Cabinet this year. The roundtable was therefore an important opportunity to influence the Commission's thinking. The discussion covered the role of Health and Wellbeing Boards, the Better Care Fund, the importance of integration across government departments, and reconfiguration and the wider wellbeing agenda.
2. A follow up submission from the LGA, ADASS and Solace was sent to the Commission on 19 December (see Appendix A).

#### Dementia Action Alliance Annual Event

3. Cllr Ford currently represents the CWB on the Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) . On 20 November 2013, the DAA launched a "Carers' Call to Action". This is a pledge designed by the DAA targeted at Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB). It encourages the HWBs to commit to considering the role and importance of local informal carers of people with dementia within their local strategies and service provision.
4. This campaign complements the LGA's programme of work outlined in *Rewiring Public Services*. This is because both the LGA and DAA are recommending that all health and social care should be consistently coordinated around the needs and wishes of the individual, with an approach that supports the whole community, by recognising and supporting the crucial role of family, carers and neighbours in keeping people independent.
5. It is recommended that the LGA include the DAA's *Carers Call to Action* in its Health and Wellbeing System Improvement Programme, complementing the work the LGA is already doing to help Health and Wellbeing Boards establish themselves effectively and improvement the health system of their local area.
6. A summary of key points and good practice examples from the launch event are included at Appendix B.

#### Mental Health Members Champions Event

7. Cllr Ford attended a Mental Health Members Champions Network which met on 2 December 2013. The network has been created by a consortium of mental health

organisations, including the Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, the Royal College of Psychiatrists and Young Minds. These organisations have come together to ask all upper tier local authorities to take up 'the Mental Health Challenge' which sets out ten actions for councils to promote mental health across all of their services:

- 7.1 Appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the council
  - 7.2 Identify a lead officer for mental health to link in with colleagues across the council
  - 7.3 Follow the implementation framework for the mental health strategy where it is relevant to the council's work and local needs
  - 7.4 Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community
  - 7.5 Work with the NHS to integrate health and social care support
  - 7.6 Promote wellbeing and initiate and support action on public mental health for example through our joint health and wellbeing strategy
  - 7.7 Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community
  - 7.8 Encourage positive mental health in our schools, colleges and workplaces
  - 7.9 Proactively engage and listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health
  - 7.10 Sign up to the [Time to Change pledge](#).
8. As a first step, councils are asked to appoint a member 'champion' for mental health and in return, those champions are offered support and information to help them. There are 13 Mental Health Member Champions including:
- 8.1 Cllr Michael Bevan - Dorset
  - 8.2 Cllr Janet Burgess - Islington
  - 8.3 Cllr Michael Cook - Leicester City
  - 8.4 Cllr Emma Corlett - Norfolk CC
  - 8.5 Cllr Edward Davie – Lambeth
  - 8.6 Cllr Sally Gibson – Camden
  - 8.7 Cllr Claire Blair - Liverpool CC
  - 8.8 Cllr Alex Norris - Nottingham
  - 8.9 Cllr Andrew Gordon – Basildon
  - 8.10 Cllr Pullet Hamilton – Birmingham
  - 8.11 Cllr Krishna James – Harrow
9. A summary of key points and good practice examples from the event are included at [Appendix C](#).
10. **It is proposed that the LGA supports and promotes the Mental Health Member Champions network.**

**Other meetings**

11. Cllr Noble participated in an event on 14 November hosted by the Business Services Association, '**Health and Social Care Commissioning: the New Landscape**'. The meeting sought to gauge to what extent Health and Wellbeing Boards have been able to bring local democratic input and wider public health considerations to the commissioning agenda and what private sector providers of local services can do to adapt to the new priorities.
12. Also on 14 November, Cllrs McShane and Bedser sat on separate panels addressing the question of local and national leadership regarding tobacco control at the **Smokefree Action Coalition (SFAC) Conference**.
13. Cllr Ford took part in a **roundtable discussion on "Moving from 15-minute care to person-centred commissioning"** on 18 November hosted by Leonard Cheshire Disability. The aim of the meeting was to develop new policy approaches to bring about more person-centred care and end the inappropriate use of 15 minute visits.
14. Cllr Hall addressed the **Association of Directors of Public Health Annual Conference** on 18 November, providing an LGA perspective in relation to the conference's theme of Reducing Health Inequalities and avoidable deaths.
15. On 19 November, Cllr Hall attended the **Learning Disability Programme Board**, a policy advisory group chaired by Norman Lamb MP which works to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for people with learning disabilities and their families. Among the items for discussion on the agenda was an update on the Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme, details of which is included in item 2 of this agenda. At the meeting, Cllr Hall stressed the LGA's support for this important and ambitious programme.
16. Cllr Gravells attended the **Armed Forces Community Covenant Conference** on 22 November 2013 at BIS. The aim of the event was to share the challenges that have been encountered and the successes achieved in delivering the Armed Forces Community Covenant. The event was well attended by local authority members and staff, and senior Ministry of Defence officials.
17. On 28 November, Cllr Huddart represented the LGA at a meeting of the **NHS Health Check Learning network**. The network is run by Public Health England in conjunction with NHS Improving Quality to ensure that key stakeholders are able to learn from, build upon and share existing and emerging practice in this area to assist with implementation and delivery.
18. Cllr Gravells represented the LGA at a meeting of the **Armed Forces Community Covenant reference group** in London on 2 December, a national cabinet reference group for this issue.

19. On 5 December, Cllr McShane spoke on “Putting public health and wellbeing at the heart of local government” at the **Annual General Meeting of the UK Health Forum**, an alliance of national organisations concerned with the prevention of non-communicable diseases. In his presentation, he stressed the need for strong political and professional leadership and honest dialogue with local residents in making the case to shift resources from treatment to early intervention and prevention.
20. Cllr Ford attended a **British Institute of Human Rights Roundtable on Putting Human Rights at the Heart of Health and Social Care** on behalf of the LGA on 5 December. Cllr Ford’s contribution made reference to improvement programmes such as Winterbourne View and Towards Excellence in Adult Social Care, stressing that core to each of these programmes is the need to take a person centred approach in supporting people to live their lives in the way they wish.
21. Cllr Hall was present at the **launch of the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control** on 11 December, which was also attended by the Public Health Minister, Jane Ellison MP. The Declaration was created in May this year by Newcastle City Council and commits local authorities to take concerted action to protect their communities from the harm tobacco causes.
22. Also on 11 December, a Department of Health and World Health Organization **Workshop on Interaction with the Tobacco Industry** was attended by Cllr Bedser on behalf of the LGA.
23. Cllr McShane attended a roundtable event on 17 December organised by Reform, entitled “**From idea to action: Practical steps to release the potential of pharmacies in health reform**”. The event included contributions from Stephen Dorrell MP, Chair of the House of Commons Health Select Committee and Alan Milburn MP, former Secretary of State for Health. The event sought to identify practical steps to release the potential of pharmacies in improving access to healthcare, encouraging patient-centred care, promoting prevention and wellbeing and tackling unnecessary hospital admissions.
24. Finally in December, Cllr Atkinson attended her first meeting of the **Skills for Care Board** in London as the LGA’s newly appointed representative on this body.

#### **Autism Strategy Review update**

25. Based on comments received at the previous Community Wellbeing Board meeting, a statement about the review was submitted to the Department of Health (see **Appendix D**). The LGA is now working with ADASS, the Department of Health (DH) and Public Health England (PHE) to agree on the best way to publish information from the review, and how to collect and publish useful good practice information to councils, with a view to producing this as early in the year as possible.

26. The report of the findings of the local authorities' self-evaluation is currently being finalised by PHE in addition to a book of 'peoples stories' told in their words of their experiences since the implementation of the Autism Strategy.
27. The DH, working with key partners, are approaching local areas to meet to discuss some general themes and comments emerging from the review process, via online surveys, public events and peer network groups, in addition to the self-evaluation exercise. The aim of these meetings is to discuss the issues that have arisen from the review to obtain an objective and balanced view from a local area in practice. This will provide the local authorities and their CCG colleagues with a further opportunity to contribute in to the issues being considered as part of the refresh of the Autism Strategy.
28. The next meeting of the Autism Programme Board is being held on 23 January to discuss the findings of the review, which will be attended by Cllr Linda Thomas, before a Ministerial meeting of the Programme Board on 3 February.

**Mental Health Crisis Concordat update**

29. A draft of the Mental Health Crisis Concordat was circulated to all members of the Community Wellbeing Board as requested at the previous meeting. Where comments were received, these were submitted to the Department of Health (DH). We have received a final draft of the concordat which was circulated to members to seek agreement to sign on Wednesday 8 January. We need to confirm the LGA's decision with DH by Friday 17 January.
30. The final draft of the Concordat has taken into account:
  - 30.1 our comments on greater emphasis on BME communities;
  - 30.2 our comments on greater emphasis on Dementia, and the LGA and DH are continuing to discuss whether more emphasis can be added;
  - 30.3 our comments regarding Children and Young People; and
  - 30.4 other specific changes to text where agreed.
31. There is still a significant focus on alcohol and drug related mental health crisis, which DH has said is in line with the evidence they have relating to the increase in the use of the Mental Health Act. Members may want to comment on this.
32. Further changes have been made to the LGA elements of the action plan since the production of the final draft. The current actions for the LGA are:

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>1.1</b>	Share good practice on the development of JSNAs, local health plans and local commissioning plans, with a focus on establishing the local need for	LGA

	mental health and substance misuse services, working with local partners, and signposting to safe, effective and evidence-based local alternatives to hospital admission.	
3.6	Support local social services to review their arrangements for out of hours AMHP provision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consider the implementation of a scheme that employs sessional AMHPs in addition to existing resources to ensure they are able to respond in a timely manner</li> <li>• explore potential for better integration of AMHP and EDT services with out of hours crisis provision of health and other partners</li> <li>• authorities who have combined the services with children's safeguarding should satisfy themselves, in consultation with the police and mental health providers, that AMHPs can be available within locally agreed response times</li> </ul>	ADASS (with LGA and College of Social Work)
3.7	Support local social services to review and plan contribution to local mental health crisis services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• representation in local senior operational and strategic forums overseeing and developing crisis services</li> <li>• in collaboration with local partners to have a system of on-going review to ensure AMHP workforce is sufficient and capable to address local needs</li> </ul>	ADASS (and LGA with College of Social Work)
3.20	At a Local Authority partnership level, Alcohol and Drug teams within Public Health England Centres will review whether substance misuse services to ensure commissioning and provision is in line with defined standards and assess whether these services are sufficiently responsive to meet the needs of those in crisis to support the delivery of Public Health Outcome Framework. Also to support the commissioning of integrated mental health and substance misuse provision in line with defined standards and guidance.	PHE / LGA
4.6	Develop resources to support safeguarding boards, specific to the circumstances and needs of, and responses to, people experiencing mental health crisis.	LGA/ADASS

33. The Department of Health has asked us to decide whether we will sign up to the concordat based on this draft of the document. **Members are asked if they agree to signing up to the Mental Health Crisis Concordat and its associated actions.**

**Children's Health update**

34. We expect a decision from Government shortly about the transfer of 0-5 commissioning to local government in 2015. A verbal update can be given at the meeting.
35. Officers are working with NHS England, Department of Health and Public Health England to develop a communications strategy and briefings for local government to promote the roll out of the flu vaccination programme to secondary school children in September 2014.
36. A Joint Children and Young People and Community Wellbeing Board has been set up for 5 March 2014 to discuss children's health issues.

**Public Health Settlement 2015-16**

37. The government confirmed last January that total public health spending in 2014-15 will be £2.79bn. LGA work on the Public Health settlement will continue to ensure that the funding formula adopted in 2015-16 will be based on health needs of each area's population, rather than historic spend.
38. The LGA will continue to make the case that our current health and social care system is unsustainable and will buckle under the weight of demand unless we invest our planning and service provision to promote healthy choices, protect health, prevent sickness and intervene early to minimise the need for costly hospital treatment.
39. NHS England published before Christmas the funding allocations that Clinical Commissioning Groups will receive over the next two years (2014/15 and 2015/16). Funding for NHS commissioners will rise from £96bn to £100bn over that period. It is unfortunate that allocations to CCGs for 2014/15 and 2015/16 have been made in isolation when Public Health England (PHE) and local authority public health services are part of the comprehensive health service established by the National Health Service Acts.
40. The Department of Health continues to work with LGA and ADPH to develop proposals for the health premium incentive payment, which will be introduced no earlier than 2015/16.

**Annual public health conference 2014 - 4 February 2014**

41. The LGA's national annual flagship conference on public health will offer a valuable opportunity to analyse the implications for local government and public health since transition.
42. The conference will highlight the innovative work already being undertaken by councils and public health teams, with their partners and communities, and look at how to build



on existing best practice to identify and tackle the challenges and opportunities of this new public health landscape. Speakers include Jane Ellison MP, Minister of State Public Health, Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive Public Health England and Ben Page, Chief Executive at Ipsos Mori.

43. This year's conference is being run in partnership with the Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH).

#### **Public Health System Group and Stakeholder Forum**

44. The LGA Community Wellbeing Board Lead Members have appointed Councillor Jonathan McShane (Hackney) as the new chair of the Public Health System Group and Stakeholder Forum.
45. The Public Health System Group (PHSG) has acted as a conduit for a broad range of advice to DH and it provides a valuable forum for the whole of public health system to come together on a regular basis to help them protect and improve the public's health.
46. The group provides an opportunity to advise and challenge leaders on the system's cohesion and to identify where organisations need to work together. It provides a forum for on-going policy development discussions.
47. The new Public Health System Group Stakeholder Forum will provide a setting for leaders and partners from the wider public health system to discuss public health policy. Meeting twice per year the role of the Stakeholder Forum shall be to consider public health policy in the context of the cohesion of the public health system and it will provide a forum to highlight policy development issues and initiatives where they may benefit the whole system.