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Update on Other Board Business

Purpose of report

For information and comment.

Summary

Members to note the following updates:

- Prime Minister announces reforms on mental health
- Special Meeting on Children and Young People's Mental Health 23 February
- Publications on children's health

Recommendations

Members of the Community Wellbeing Board are asked to:

1. **Provide oral updates** on any other outside bodies / external meetings they may have attended on behalf of the Community Wellbeing Board since the last meeting; and
2. **Note** the updates contained in the report.

Action

As directed by members.

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CWB Update on outside bodies

1. Prime Minister's Dementia Challenge 2020 Group - Cllr Graham Gibbens
This group and the associated task and finish groups have been reviewed, and the Alzheimer's society are in the process of developing a new oversight structure.
2. Dementia Action Alliance - Cllr Graham Gibbens
This group is continuing to meet.
3. National Learning Disability Board – Cllr Rachel Eden
This group is part of a pan-Department of Health review into its Boards. There are currently no scheduled meetings and we are awaiting a decision from the Department on its future.
4. Autism Ministerial Programme Board – Cllr Jackie Meldrum
This group is part of a pan-Department of Health review into its Boards. There are currently no scheduled meetings and we are awaiting a decision from the Department on its future.
5. Think Local Act Personal Programme Board – Cllr Keith Glazier
This group met on 11 January 2017. Priorities for TLAP have been set for 2016/2017 with contributions from the LGA. The next meeting dates are Wed 8 March and Wed 10 May 2017.
6. Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat – Cllr Doreen Huddart
This group is scheduled to meet twice a year and chaired by the Department of Health and the Home Office respectively. MIND is no longer providing the secretariat, which should be being picked up the Department of Health and NHS England, However, we have not received minutes to the last meeting and no future meetings have been scheduled.
7. Missing Children and Adults Roundtable – Mayor Kate Allsop
This group last met on June 2016 and an annual roundtable is planned by the Home Office. Though no future meeting has been scheduled yet. The associated steering group is ongoing and will be attended by an LGA Officer.
8. Disability Action Alliance Steering Group - Cllr Liz Mallinson
Cllr Mallinson has had an introductory meeting with the chair of the group. She was unable to attend the last meeting, and was substituted by an LGA officer. The next meeting is scheduled for 9 May 2017.

Prime minister announces reforms on mental health

9. In January 2017, Theresa May announced a comprehensive package of measures to transform mental health support in schools, workplaces and communities. The package of reforms includes:

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- 9.1 New support for schools with every secondary school in the country to be offered mental health first aid training and new trials to look at how to strengthen the links between schools and local NHS mental health staff. There will also be a major thematic review of children and adolescent mental health services across the country, led by the Care Quality Commission, to identify what is working and what is not and a new green paper on children and young people's mental health to set out plans to transform services in schools, universities and for families
- 9.2 A new partnership with employers to improve mental health support in the workplace. The Prime Minister has appointed Lord Dennis Stevenson, the long-time campaigner for greater understanding and treatment of mental illness, and Paul Farmer CBE, CEO of Mind and Chair of the NHS Mental Health Taskforce, to drive work with business and the public sector to support mental health in the workplace. These experts will lead a review on how best to ensure employees with mental health problems are enabled to thrive in the workplace and perform at their best.
- 9.3 Further alternatives to hospital to support people in the community with the government building on its £15 million investment to provide and promote new models of community – based care. The initial £15 million investment led to 88 new places of safety being created and the government now plans to spend up to a further £15 million to build on this success
- 9.4 Plans to rapidly expand treatment by investing in and expanding digital mental health services. The government will speed up the delivery of a £67.7 million digital mental health package so that those worried about stress, anxiety or more serious issues can go online, check their symptoms and if needed, access digital therapy immediately rather than waiting weeks for a face-to-face appointment – with further follow up face-to-face sessions offered as necessary
- 9.5 A formal review of the mental health debt form, which means that currently hundreds of mental health patients are charged up to £300 by their GP for a form to prove they have mental health issues
- 9.6 Support to NHS England's commitment to eliminate inappropriate placements to inpatient beds for children and young people by 2021 – a practice which currently sees hundreds of children being sent halfway across the country to access mental health services.

Special Meeting on Children and Young People's Mental Health 23 February

10. Lead members of the Community Wellbeing Board and Children and Young People Board will attend a half-day session on the 23 February to learn more from a number of speakers on key issues for children and young people's mental health. The session includes an opportunity for members to hear from a number of speakers including Norman Lamb MP, young people who have experience of mental health and wellbeing services and Pooky Knightsmith, Vice Chair of the Children and Young People's Mental Health Coalition. The session will give members an opportunity to determine next steps and activities in relation to children and young people's mental health across both Boards for this year, which will include an LGA campaign to raise awareness of key issues.

Publications on children's health

11. Whilst all children have health needs, and local authorities now have a major role in meeting these, looked after children and young people have higher levels of health needs than their peers, and these are often met less successfully – leading to poorer outcomes. In recognition of the work that is already underway in many local areas, the publication [Healthy futures: supporting and promoting the health needs of looked after children](#) highlights seven case studies of positive initiatives in local authorities around the country. These provide a useful starting point for local councils to take practical action in their own areas.
12. Over the years, councils have focused primarily on helping children. Whilst that is clearly still important, it's time to do more to help parents as well. Councils are working with families and supporting parents, to equip them to deal with some of the challenges of daily living and overcome the hurdles that get in the way of building safe, stable and nurturing environments that all children can thrive in. The publication on [Working to support positive parenting and relationships. What can councils do?](#) Sets out six case studies to show how councils are working to support positive parenting and relationships.

Response to the Supported Housing Consultation

13. The LGA held a very successful consultation engagement event with 60 councils on 11 January that helped inform our response to the supported housing consultation. We successfully submitted our response to the consultation, which will be on our website shortly. We are continuing to engage with DCLG and DWP on the development of the proposals to reform the supported housing sector, and Cllr Izzi Seccombe was invited by the Minister Marcus Jones to chair a DCLG task and finish group on 'roles and responsibilities'. We are expecting a Green Paper on the reforms in the spring.