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## **Community Wellbeing Board – from Cllr Izzi Seccombe (Chair)**

### **Conferences, meetings and external events**

1. On 12 January, Cllr Jackie Meldrum attended the first meeting of the DH Autism Strategy, Participation in Local Community Task and Finish Group.
2. I met with Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive of Public Health England, on 17 January to discuss developments across NHS Healthchecks and local action to tackle cardio-vascular disease.
3. On 17 January, I also met with representatives from Cancer Research UK to discuss challenges and opportunities across Stop Smoking Services.
4. On 17 January, Cllr Graham Gibbens attended the Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia 2020, Meaning Care Oversight Group at the Department of Health.
5. Cllr Graham Gibbens attended a reception for The Jo Cox Commission at 10 Downing Street on 18 January. At the reception, Tracey Crouch was announced as the new Minister for Loneliness.
6. On 19 January, Cllr Gillian Ford attended the launch of the Commission on Dementia and Music final report at the House of Lords.
7. On 22 January, I attended a roundtable on carers with the Minister of State for Care, Caroline Dinenage MP, as part of the Government's pre-green paper publication engagement work.
8. On 23 January, Cllr Richard Kemp took part in an NHS England [webinar](#) for the clinical leads of STPs on the role and contribution of local government in STPs.
9. On 24 January, Mayor Kate Allsop attended the Think Local Act Personal Partnership (TLAP) Programme Board. It was her first TLAP Board meeting at the LGA representative.
10. On 29 January, Cllr Richard Kemp and Sarah Pickup (along with Margaret Wilcox, ADASS President), met with the Minister of State for Care, Caroline Dinenage MP, as an introductory meeting with the new Minister.
11. Cllr Richard Kemp attended an informal gathering at the House of Lords supported by Public Health England on 31 January to discuss how national health and social care organisations better engage with people and communities at a local level.
12. On 1 February, Cllr Richard Kemp spoke on local government's role in preventing suicide at the Suicide Prevention Conference at the University of Salford.
13. On 7 February, I chaired a local government roundtable in Birmingham as part of the review of Community Contributions in Later Life that is being led by the Centre for Ageing Better in partnership with DCMS. The roundtable was also attended by Cllr Ian Stewart of the County Councils Network.

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14. On 8 February, myself, Cllr Richard Kemp and Cllr Jonathan McShane had an introductory meeting with Steve Brine MP, Minister of State for Public Health and Primary Care.
15. I also met Professor Irene Higginson at the Cicely Saunders Institute, Kings College London, on 8 February to discuss palliative care in care homes.
16. On 8 February Cllr Jonathan McShane met Jackie Doyle-Price MP, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Mental Health, along with the Association of Directors of Public Health, to discuss local authority suicide prevention plans and the development of a sector-led improvement approach to suicide prevention.

### **Publications, correspondence and other items**

17. The LGA made a submission to the All Party Parliamentary Group inquiry into the human rights of older people.
18. I signed a joint letter with ADASS and care providers to The Observer, highlighting the need for genuinely new funding to cover historic, current and future sleep-in payment pressures.
19. We [responded](#) to the Government's consultation on future funding for supported housing by arguing the proposed localised grant for short-term supported housing must keep pace with demand and be sufficient now and in the future.
20. In January, the Community Wellbeing Board agreed to sponsor an Institute of Public Policy Research (IPPR) Review on the Future of Health and Care, chaired by Lord Ara Darzi. The LGA has submitted written evidence on what we consider to be the top 10 innovations in health and social care over the past decade. Tom Kibasi, Director of IPPR, will be attending the next CWB meeting on 21 February to seek the Board's views.
21. We [responded](#) to the Government's consultation on changes to the teaching of Relationship Sex Education and PHSE. We called for PHSE to be made compulsory in all primary and secondary schools with the right for parents to withdraw their child and highlighted the need for the curriculum to address modern day risks associated with digital and social media, which can have a huge impact on children and young people.
22. The LGA submitted evidence to the Health Committee inquiry on STPs, which has now been [published](#).

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