

## Update on Other Board Business

### Purpose of report

For information and comment.

### Summary

Members to note the following updates including the following:

- Roundtable on Community Contributions in Later Life
- Ministerial Roundtable on Carers at the DHSC
- Ministerial Roundtable on tackling loneliness
- Children of alcohol dependent parents

### Recommendations

Members of the Community Wellbeing Board are asked to:

1. **Note** the updates contained in the report.

### Action

As directed by members.

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### **Roundtable on Community Contributions in Later Life – Cllr Claire Wright**

1. On 28 March Cllr Claire Wright attended a roundtable on Community Contributions on Later Life. The roundtable is part of the Review of Volunteering and Community Contributions in Later Life that is being undertaken by the Centre for Ageing Better, in partnership with Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sport (DCMS). The review's remit is to explore how to enable more people to contribute their skills, time and knowledge to their communities in later life, with a focus on how to increase participation among underrepresented groups e.g. poorer people and those in poor health / living with long term health conditions. Cllr Seccombe also chaired a previous local government themed roundtable as part of the review.

### **Ministerial Roundtable on Carers at the DHSC – Cllr Claire Wright**

2. On 14 March Cllr Claire Wright attended the Ministerial Roundtable on Carers at the DHSC chaired by Caroline Dineage MP.
3. Minister confirmed the Carers Action Plan would be published “just after Easter.” It was confirmed that it will be linked to the social care green paper. Attendees were all invited to make points about what we wished to be included in the paper, to the minister.
4. Cllr Wright reported that the LGA recognises and welcomes its responsibilities under the Care Act, that it was very important to the LGA and councils that the Carers Action Plan was realistic and achievable given the significant rise in demand coupled with the significant funding cuts.

### **Ministerial Roundtable on tackling loneliness – Cllr Graham Gibbens**

5. Tracey Crouch MP, Ministerial lead for loneliness, hosted a roundtable discussion on 18 April to provide an update on the government's plans to tackle loneliness and to seek suggestions on the vision and priorities for the national strategy on loneliness.

### **Children of alcohol dependent parents**

6. New plans announced by health and social care secretary Jeremy Hunt will help identify at-risk children more quickly, and provide them with rapid access to support and advice. The package of measures is backed by £6 million in joint funding from the Department of Health and Social Care and the Department for Work and Pensions. It is designed to help an estimated 200,000 children in England living with alcohol-dependent parents.
7. Public Health England (PHE) will finance up to eight local authorities to implement innovative, evidence informed interventions to improve outcomes for children whose parents are dependent on alcohol. Areas will be selected by the autumn.

8. PHE estimate 200,000 children living in households with an alcohol dependent adult. An estimated three in four adults with alcohol dependency who were living with children, did not have their treatment needs met last year. Parental alcohol dependency is associated with child maltreatment and poor outcomes. Between 2011 and 2014 parental alcohol misuse was recorded as a factor in 37 per cent of cases where a child was seriously hurt or killed, often alongside mental ill-health and domestic violence. 85,000 referrals to social services involved parental alcohol misuse in 16-17.
9. It is envisaged that the eight local authorities selected will develop:
  - 9.1. Access to earlier help and targeted interventions should help to reduce longer term harms to children of dependent drinkers.
  - 9.2. Intensive case management for parents. Including outreach, care coordination, facilitated access to treatment services including transportation and/or onsite services, and the provision of child care.
  - 9.3. Parental support programmes including mentors working alongside social workers, schools and other professionals can improve outcomes both in relation to parental alcohol use and children not going into care.
  - 9.4. Support to improve the quality of the parental relationship, alongside traditional treatment services - evidence indicates that outcomes for parents and children can be significantly improved compared to treatment offered on its own.