

## **Children and Young People's Health Update**

### **Purpose of report**

For information.

### **Summary**

Children's health is a joint priority between the CYP and the CWB Board. This paper is designed to update the Community Wellbeing Board as to the current activities in relation to the LGA's work related to children's health issues.

### **Recommendation**

That the Community Wellbeing Board note the update in the report.

### **Action**

Officers to incorporate feedback from the Community Wellbeing Board into future work.

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### **Background**

1. The LGA launched its campaign "Brighter Futures: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services" in February 2018. It highlights our calls on the government to prioritise early intervention and preventative services, and to provide funding to councils to allow them work with schools to commission independent school based counselling in every secondary school. It also calls on government to improve standards, release the full £1.7 billion funding promised and to ensure there is sustainable and adequate funding. These calls feature heavily in our response to the Government's Green Paper on children's mental health.
2. As part of the [Bright Futures campaign](#), the LGA successfully hosted an exhibition in Parliament from Monday 21 to Friday 25 May 2018. The exhibition showcased some of the incredible early intervention and prevention work which councils across the country are doing to support our children and young people, including work to help those struggling with mental health issues.
3. As part of our support offer to councils, we have been running the Children and Young People (CYP) Mental Health Peer Learning Programme. The programme is supporting eight councils and their partners to overcome a tricky issue which is prohibiting them from moving forward in transforming their CYP mental health services. The programme matches participants with peers from other councils or voluntary organisations who are delivering a similar service and helps to support participants on their learning journey. The programme will come to an end in June and will be followed by a report that shares learning with the wider sector.
4. The LGA undertook a survey of Local Authorities around complex needs children and the interface between youth justice, social care and NHS. The survey findings are being shared and a short report will be published. The findings and related calls will be featured in an upcoming All Party Parliamentary Group report on A Fit and Healthy Childhood.
5. A joint seminar with the CYP Mental Health coalition was held on 8 June 2018. It brought together key stakeholders from the CYP mental health children's charities to take stock of the reforms, build stronger alliances and support for our campaign policy calls.
6. We have held meetings with the Department for Health and Social Care, NHS to reflect our calls and members concerns on the slow pace of reform, the unequal distribution of the Future in Mind money (to the NHS only) and the lack of acknowledgement of the role of Local Authorities in children's mental health and well-being in any of the reform proposals.
7. Going forward we want to do some short focussed projects on transitions (children's to adults) and on strengthening the Health and Wellbeing Board governance/role in children's mental health.

### **Update on children's end of life care**

8. Following recent reports highlighting the national variation, and in some cases, unacceptably poor quality of end of life care services there has been increasing attention from the government and from wider stakeholders about the quality and funding of end of life care.
9. Officers consulted office holders of the Children and Young People Board and Community Wellbeing Board in April 2018 for their steer on the LGA's work on end of life care for children, young people and adults.
10. Office holders agreed that we should;
  - 10.1. seek clarity from the government on roles and responsibilities of local bodies and write to the Minister about our concerns;
  - 10.2. develop support materials for local authorities on end of life care for children and young people and a separate resource for adults and to join up with work with Health and Wellbeing Boards; and
  - 10.3. respond to the upcoming green paper on care and support for older people and highlight our concerns about children and young people and working adults who are not addressed in the green paper.

### **Implications for Wales**

11. There are no distinct implications for Wales.

### **Financial Implications**

12. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **Next steps**

13. The Community Wellbeing Board are asked to note the update in the report.
14. Officers to incorporate feedback from the Community Wellbeing Board into future work.