

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

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

1. Throughout May and June Mark Lloyd and I were members of Lord Darzi's advisory panel for his review of health and social care. The final report was published on 15 June and I took part in a panel discussion on the future of health and care at an Institute for Public Policy Research conference to launch the report.
2. On 28 June I spoke on the importance of political leadership at the Health+Care Expo.
3. On 5 June I spoke at the King's Fund and NHS England personalised care conference on the contribution of adult social care and local government to joined up care and support.
4. On 5 June I attended the launch of the Carers Action Plan hosted by Caroline Dinenage, MP Minister of State for Care. I also responded to the Action Plan via a press release. The LGA are developing guidance for local authorities on carers that will reflect the action plan.
5. Cllr Robin Moss represented the LGA at the Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat Steering Group on 12 June. Cllr Moss highlighted the importance of resourcing wider local services to both prevent people from reaching crisis point and to ensure people can be signposted to the support they need.
6. On 13 June I took part in a panel discussion on the future of adult social care and health at the NHS Confederation annual conference.
7. The LGA's annual conference had a strong theme of adult social care and health, including a parallel plenary on shifting the centre of gravity away from acute hospital services to preventative and community based care and support. We also announced the LGA's own Green Paper would be published by the end of July in the wake of the news that the Government had postponed its own green paper until the autumn.
8. On 1 July, and ahead of Annual Conference, I was interviewed by Sky News on the future of adult social care funding, following our news story on the same subject in which we surveyed council leaders and adult services lead members on their views on long-term, sustainable funding for the sector.
9. On 9 July I took part in a panel discussion at the inaugural meeting of the South East Health and Social Care Leaders network.
10. On 12 July, Cllr Richard Kemp gave a presentation at the Social Enterprise UK conference on health and social care.
11. On 12 July, I spoke at an East of England LGA event with adult services lead members and health and wellbeing board chairs on the future of adult social care and support.

### **Publications and correspondence**

12. Cllr Lucy Nethsingha, Deputy Chair of the Children and Young People's Board, chaired a well-attended LGA Annual Conference workshop on mental health and loneliness. We also launched "Must Know" guides for councillors on mental health and loneliness.
13. On 30 May the LGA republished the document "Good progress but more to do: teenage pregnancy and young parents" with updated policy, data and case study content.
14. I also wrote to the Chair of the Independent Review of the Mental Health Act to further outline local government's role in mental health and the importance of prevention. This follows-on from the publication of the Interim Report which reflected many of our recommendations. The LGA have also been allocated a place on the MHA review team advisory panel.

### **Press Releases and Statements**

15. In June I made public statements on the [NHS Health Check figures published in June by Public Health England](#), [the poll commissioned by NHS Confederation which found that 82 per cent of people support a spending increase for adult social care](#), [the latest delayed transfers of care figures](#), [our response to the Lord Darzi report on social care](#), [the dementia addition to the NHS check](#), [responding to NHS 70th anniversary funding announcement](#), [responding to the keynote speech by Theresa May on funding for the NHS](#), [the Child Obesity Strategy](#), [the health precautions urged by Councils during the heatwave](#), [responding to a report by the Institute for Government \(IFG\) on 'How to fix the funding of health and social care'](#), [the report on treating tobacco dependency in the NHS](#), [responding to the Joint Select Committee report on adult social care funding](#) and [responding to the Public Health England report on fast food hotspots](#).
16. I have recently also made public statements on [nine in ten \(89 per cent\) of councils saying national taxation must be part of the solution to securing the long-term financial stability of adult social care](#), [the LGA response to the Christians Against Poverty report on council and Government debt collection](#), [responding to the latest NHS Digital figures on the number of adult smokers](#), [on a new Bill published today on reforms to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards \(DoLS\)](#), [emphasising prevention funding will help NHS 70th birthday cash go further](#), [responding to NAO report on health and social care integration](#) and [responding to the recent report by the Centre for Ageing Better on housing adaptations](#).

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