

30 January 2019

Update on Other Board Business

Purpose of report

For information and comment.

Summary

Members to note the following updates:

- First 1001 days of a child's life
- National Child Measurement Programme
- Breaking the Cycle of youth violence
- Housing and Care for Older People APPG
- Health and Social Care Committee on the NHS Long Term Plan
- Age UK's APPG inquiry into housing and older people
- Money & Mental Health Policy Institute report on 'Financial difficulty and suicide'
- Annual Public Health conference and exhibition
- Child obesity trailblazers
- Self-care publication
- Inclusive Growth and public health
- Health and Social Care Committee – Inquiry into suicide prevention
- Asylum support and accommodation
- Quality Framework for the Public Health System
- Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill

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.

Contact officer: Mark Norris
Position: Principle Policy Adviser
Phone no: 020 7664 3241
Email: mark.norris@local.gov.uk

30 January 2019

Update on Other Board Business

First 1001 days of a child's life

1. In line with the current Government focus on the importance of the First 1001 days of a child's life, we published 2 timely reports [A Better Start: supporting child development in the early years](#) setting out the measures being taken by local authorities to bring together health, social care and early education services to create a holistic approach to meeting the needs of young children and families and [Fit for and During Pregnancy: A key role for local government](#), demonstrating the importance of local authorities in delivering maternity and neonatal care through health visitors, family workers, midwives, social care and children's centres staff.
2. On 30 of January Cllr Hudspeth and Cllr Bramble will meet with Leader of the Commons Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom to discuss our recommendations for the First 1001 Days Ministerial Review and showcase the work councils are doing to ensure children and families get the best start in life.

National Child Measurement Programme

3. In January a new selection of case studies on the National Child Measurement Programme will be published to share best practice and learning on how councils are using the programme to help children to achieve a healthy weight and lifestyle.

Breaking the Cycle of youth violence

4. In January we will also publish *Breaking the Cycle of youth violence: a briefing for elected members*, which is a joint publication between Children and Young People Board, Community Wellbeing Board and Safer and Stronger Communities Board and shares learning on serious youth violence and showcases how councils are seeking to tackle the issues through a public health approach.

Housing and Care for Older People APPG

5. On 9 January Cllr Ian Hudspeth presented on the LGA's green paper for adult social care and wellbeing to the Housing and Care for Older People APPG. It was an opportunity to outline the innovative approaches that councils are adopting to promote the health and wellbeing of their communities including in providing the right housing for older people.

Health and Social Care Committee on the NHS Long Term Plan

6. On 15 January, Cllr Ian Hudspeth gave evidence to the Health and Social Care Committee on the NHS Long Term Plan. Cllr Ian Hudspeth outlined the implications and practicality of the Long Term Plan on local government particularly, the absence of a long term strategy for social care as well as the need for greater clarity about how the plan will be implemented. Cllr Ian Hudspeth also highlighted the importance of engaging local communities as part of its implementation.

30 January 2019

Age UK's APPG inquiry into housing and older people

7. On 16 January, Cllr Ian Hudspeth gave oral evidence to Age UK's APPG inquiry into housing and older people. My speech was an opportunity to highlight how councils are meeting the housing needs of an ageing population and the importance of further policy changes that will help to increase the supply of good quality, well-designed and affordable housing for older people, supported by a locally-led planning system.

Money & Mental Health Policy Institute report on 'Financial difficulty and suicide'

8. In December Cllr Richard Kemp CBE attended the launch of the Money & Mental Health Policy Institute report on 'Financial difficulty and suicide' at the House of Commons.

Annual Public Health conference and exhibition

9. Places are filling up for the LGA Annual Public Health Conference and exhibition on Thursday 21st March 2019 in London. The theme of the conference this year is [Supporting resilient communities: helping people to feel good and function well.](#)

Child obesity trailblazers

10. The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) will shortly be announcing the names of the 13 child obesity trailblazer local authorities. The LGA, Public Health England and Department for Health Social Care sifted through over 105 expressions of interest from local authorities around the country covering all regions and type of authority. We will now be working with partners to support the local authorities as we continue to seek to influence the Government's next phase of the Child Obesity Plan.

Self-care publication

11. In December we published [Self-care: councils helping people look after themselves.](#) The report details how we can support citizens to look after their own health needs. In this LGA report you will find local authority examples of councils and clinical commissioning groups are working together with other partners to make a real difference to people's lives.

Inclusive Growth and public health

12. Next month the LGA will publish a new document *nobody left behind: Maximising the health benefits of an inclusive local economy.* This publication makes explicit the links between health and the local economy, their interdependence, and the action that local authorities and their partners can take to ensure that health and wellbeing are key considerations in local and regional economic development strategies.

30 January 2019

Health and Social Care Committee – Inquiry into suicide prevention

13. On 22 January Cllr Richard Kemp CBE gave evidence at a follow up session to look at progress in implementing the recommendations of the Health and Social Care Committee's 2016-17 inquiry into suicide prevention.

Asylum support and accommodation

14. The member led LGA Asylum, Migration and Refugee Task Group reports to both the Community Wellbeing Board and the Children and Young People's Board. The Board has been pressing hard for much stronger local government engagement in new arrangements for adult and family asylum seekers [announced](#) on 8 January. As part of new governance arrangements [confirmed](#) by the Immigration Minister, the Home Office committed to greater oversight of and the sharing of the contracts in a joint meeting with Chief Executives hosted by the LGA in December. This Group, to be co-chaired by the LGA and the Home Office, agreed for a joint focus on better engagement and oversight; access to funding and data; and a reduction in pressures. Both will meet again in the Spring, with the Immigration Minister committing to regular meetings with members during the transition to the new contracts. We will update our [webpage](#) as more information becomes available. If you have any queries, please contact Sally.Burlington@local.gov.uk or your [Regional Strategic Migration Partnership](#).

Quality Framework for the Public Health System

15. Quality frameworks already exist for adult social care ("Quality Matters") and for healthcare delivered in the NHS ("Shared Commitment to Quality"). Currently there is no quality framework for public health. Earlier this year, it was agreed by the Public Health System Group (PHSG), a group of key national stakeholders which has oversight of the system that a similar framework should be developed for the public health system.
16. The overall aim of the framework is to raise quality in public health services and functions across the public health system. It is intended that the framework will be used to support self-improving local public health systems and enable them to hold themselves to account through sector led improvement. We are aiming to publish the framework in Quarter 1 of 2019, which is to be followed by a more detailed action and implementation plan. The framework is being developed in parallel with ten service specific *What Good Looks Like* publications (led by PHE and Association of Directors of Public Health). The publications aim to define what a good quality public health functions looks like, through a set of core principles which set out what is expected in any population system in order to support continuous improvement in population health outcomes. It will set out the roles and expectations of partner organisations within the defined place/local system. These documents will be published throughout 2019.

30 January 2019

Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill

17. Local government has long called for an overhaul of the current Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) process and we welcome the opportunity that the Bill presents to replace a system that is widely agreed not to be fit for purpose. We recognise ongoing concerns about the process to develop the Bill. Amendments have significantly improved it but we continue to support further work that ensures that the rights of the cared for person are safeguarded and that the right checks and balances are put in place in all settings. The development of a new Code of Practice and Impact Assessment should outline in more detail both the changed roles and responsibilities for people that care for individuals without capacity or those that commission that care, and how this should be funded. Our call for reform of DoLS runs in parallel with calls to urgently address wider pressures in care and support. Briefings on the Bill can be found on the LGA [website](#) on our Parliament pages.