

Community Wellbeing Board – from Cllr Ian Hudspeth (Chairman)

Conferences, meetings and external events

1. On 10 June, Cllr Richard Kemp CBE, Deputy Chair of the LGA's Community Wellbeing Board, gave oral evidence to one of two new All Party Parliamentary Groups on adult social care. This APPG is considering the future of adult social care and Richard made a number of important points covering the importance of care and support in its own right, the pressures facing the system and the need for the Spending Review to resolve them, and the importance of long-term funding reform, including the LGA's green paper for adult social care and wellbeing.
2. On 10 June Cllr Richard Kemp attended a meeting of the National Suicide Prevention Alliance, chaired by Jackie Doyle-Price MP. Cllr Kemp pressed the Minister for urgent confirmation of funding for a new suicide prevention sector led improvement offer. £600,000 for LGA and ADPH was announced on 17 June as part of the Prime Minister's mental health pledges.
3. On 11 June Cllr Graham Gibbens attended a meeting with Lord Gardiner of DEFRA to discuss rural loneliness.
4. I met with Simon Stevens on 17 June to discuss an Integrated Care System for Oxfordshire. We also discussed social care nationally and he was clear that he wanted to work with the LGA towards a sustainable budget for the future to help deliver the NHS long term plan.
5. On 19 June I met Stacey Arnold, Head of Campaigns and Public Affairs for Cancer Research UK to discuss scope for joint work and influencing on public health and prevention.
6. On 26 June I took part in a main stage panel discussion at the national Health+Care Show at London Excel Centre to discuss the role of local government in the delivery of the NHS Long Term Plan.
7. On 3 July Cllr Izzi Seccombe, LGA Vice Chair, chaired a well-attended sub-plenary at LGA Annual Conference about the local implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant.
8. On 3 July at the LGA Annual Conference I chaired a parallel plenary on the future of care, health and wellbeing. Speakers at the session included Julie Ogley, President of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services, Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy, President of the Association of Directors of Public Health and Niall Dickson, Chief Executive of NHS Confederation. In opening the session I launched two new Community Wellbeing Board publications: one on the impact of health and wellbeing boards and one reflecting on 'one year on' from the LGA's green paper for adult social care wellbeing.

9. On 3 July I chaired the parallel plenary session at the LGA annual conference in Bournemouth on the Future of Care, Health and Wellbeing at which he launched our new publication on health and wellbeing boards: What a difference a place makes: the growing impact of health and wellbeing boards.
10. On 5 July I attended the second meeting of the NHS Assembly.
11. On 9 July Cllr Richard Kemp attended the APPG on Mental Health meeting on 'Understanding the Mental Health Act' which was an opportunity to press for more investment in community mental health services to help prevent people from reaching crisis point.

Publications and correspondence

12. In May 2019, we made a submission to the national Autism strategy consultation. The submission outlined local governments vital role in improving the lives of people with autism and ensuring participation and partnership at a local level.

Press Releases and Statements

13. On 4 July I appeared on BBC News to talk about the calls in our publication, 'One year on from the LGA's green paper for adult social care and wellbeing'. I stressed the importance of working on a cross-party basis and highlighted our offer of hosting and facilitating cross-party talks. And I urged the Government to publish its own green paper before Parliament rises for the party conference season.

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