

Other Business Report

Summary

This report provides a summary of other business relevant to the Board and also deals with issues relating Community Wellbeing Board representation on LGA groups. Members are also asked to feedback on meetings attended since the last Community Wellbeing Board meeting.

Recommendations

1. Members are asked to:

- Note updates on National Children and Adults Services Conference and Safeguarding Adults.
- Receive update on the EU and from the IDeA.
- Feed back from meetings attended since the last Board meeting

Action

Secretariat to take necessary action.

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1. Feedback from National Children and Adults Services Conference

The National Children and Adults Services Conference took place in Liverpool from 22 to 24 October. There were many excellent sessions, in particular speeches from Alan Johnson, Ed Balls, Stephen O'Brien, Norman Lamb, Phil Hope and Phil Redmond. The conference continues to grow with over 1200 delegates. We have also seen an increase in the number of elected members attending as delegates. This year over 300 were in attendance.

This event is vital to councillors, senior officers, policymakers and service managers with responsibilities for children's and adult care in the statutory, voluntary and private sector.

It is also an important opportunity for their partners in health, education and related fields and MPs with an interest in social care, children's services and education.

There was a lot of positive feedback and we are already planning the programme for next year. IDeA colleagues worked closely with LGA at the National Children's and Adults Services Conference. Two workshops considered the role of lead members in the area of safeguarding adults and children and the LGA Group had a busy stand, which was popular with councillors.

2. Safeguarding adults: a consultation on the Review of the "No Secrets" guidance

Tim Hind has been on the advisory group for this consultation document and the consultation ends on 31 January 2009.

It is an extensive consultation document (52 pages) with a number of chapters, each with their own consultation questions. The sections are:

- Leadership: whether this should be with local government and where in local government, and where leadership for the NHS and care home sectors should lie
- Prevention
- Outcomes and how to measure success
- Managing risk
- Managing choice and which aspects of the personalisation agenda need to be reflected in safeguarding policies
- Safeguarding in the NHS
- How housing providers can contribute
- Better integration with the criminal justice system
- The balance of guidance and legislation
- The definition of a vulnerable adult

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We plan to develop a joint response with ADASS. We would welcome any views from Board members, particularly on the need for legislation. Do we need legislation to place adult safeguarding on a statutory footing and applying a duty to cooperate on other agencies? Would we favour legislation to allow forced entry to private homes or the power to remove adults with mental capacity who do not consent?

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_089098

3. EU Update

Migration and Mobility

The European and International Unit has drafted a response to a European Commission consultative green paper on Migration and Mobility: challenges and opportunities for EU education systems. The reason behind the EU Green Paper is that research has shown that many migrants experience educational disadvantages. This is often related to different factors and the Commission wants to know what works and what does not in different member states. The draft response will be sent for approval to the Asylum Task Group and lead members of the Children and Young People Board.

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4. Update from the IDeA

IDeA has published “Person Centred Commissioning – Now” – a report which explores what currently works well in commissioning learning disability support. The report outlines a pathway approach to commissioning support, and is available from the IDeA website.

IDeA has also published a new report: 'Think Family, Think Community: the role of directors with combined responsibilities'. Currently, around 10 per cent of councils have chosen to combine the roles of director of children's services and director for adult social services. The report sets out some of the emerging challenges and opportunities of the joint role, and includes material from interviews with 10 joint directors. The report is now available on the IDeA website.

5. Feedback from meetings attended

Clr Susan Woodward attended the Transforming Adult Social Care Programme Board: Live mapping and action planning workshop on the 16th and 17th September in Manchester.

Clr Dawn Cousins attended the regional SECASC group meeting. This is the SE region Adult Social Care Lead members group and they are keen that messages from this forum are fed through to the CWB Board. She also attended recent LGA seminar on Transforming Social Care.

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Clr Nargis Khan spoke on "LNks implementation: progress so far" on behalf of the LGA at a Consultation Institute event – 'Making LNks work' on Thursday 17 September.

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