

Update on other Board Business

Purpose of report

Members to note the following:

- Show Us You Care campaign update
- Commissioning for Integrated Health and Care conference
- Health Protection
- Healthwatch
- Public Health England Appointments
- Confirmation of portfolio holder system (**Appendix 8b**)
- Public Health Events
- Selected forthcoming Events

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

1. **note** and **discuss** the updates contained in the report.
2. **confirm** the portfolio holders system outlined at **Appendix 8b** to the report.

Action

As directed by Members.

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Show Us You Care campaign update

1. As part of the Show Us You Care campaign we ran a survey over the summer which proposed three tests against which the sector could judge the adequacy of the White Paper using a series of scorecards. More than 80 council leaders, charity directors, directors of adult services, chief executives and social care experts responded. The survey showed that more than four in five experts (83 per cent) believe Government plans have failed to move towards a system that provides sufficient funding. In addition, nearly nine in ten (88 per cent) say that the proposals don't address the funding needed to meet the demographic pressures facing the country. The timetable for reform is also called into question with almost two in three people (62 per cent) saying the proposed timetable doesn't recognise the urgency of the problem or commit to immediate action.
2. We are encouraging member councils to join up to our campaign. At the National Children's and Adult Services (NCAS) conference last week we also launched a guide to reform, jointly published with SOLACE, the LGA and ADASS, intended for Council Leaders and Chief Executives. Alongside the guide we also published a template letter for authorities to send to their MPs and a draft press release for use in the local area.

Commissioning for Integrated Health and Care conference

3. 'Commissioning for Integrated Health and Care' will be held at Local Government House on the 29th October. This is a joint event between the NHS Commissioning Board and the LGA. The conference is fully booked with high profile delegates representing health and local government commissioners and system leaders from across the country. There is now a waiting list in operation. Norman Lamb will be speaking in the morning, and Sir Merrick and Sir David Nicholson will be presenting in the afternoon to launch the Concordat agreement between the LGA and NHS CB. Also speaking will be Prof Steve Field, Prof Michael Marmot and a number of other high profile speakers. There are also several sponsors supporting the conference. For more information, please visit the website: http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/events/-/journal_content/56/10171/3664087/EVENT-TEMPLATE

Health Protection

4. In the new public health system, health protection work such as local surveillance and health protection case management and outbreak investigation and control will be provided in conjunction with local authorities by local centres of public health England in future, using agreed standard procedures. The decision on who should lead on outbreaks should be guided by who will be making the interventions to control them. The Department of Health has published [provisional guidance on health protection arrangements in the new public health system](#) for local authorities and public health professionals. The document is subject to further review in early 2013 (**Appendix 8a**).
5. It is important for all partners to ensure that there is a shared understanding of the new system and that testing is carried out to ensure resilience during the final transition phase. To support local testing through "informed conversations", the LGA with the

Health Protection Agency (HPA) and the Department of Health issued a letter which contained a series of scenarios to assist all stakeholders in discussions on how the new arrangements for Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) will work locally. Local testing is a requirement for PCTs as part of the NHS 2012/13 planning guidance and we have encouraged PCT's to collaborate with each local authority.

6. This is not intended to be a formal exercise, but rather, a discussion informed by the scenarios, to develop a stronger understanding of roles and responsibilities. Exercises are being planned and conducted regionally and through the NHS Commissioning Board, and together these activities will inform the national EPRR Programme Board.

Healthwatch

7. Following direct lobbying by the LGA we are pleased to announce that Earl Howe, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Quality at DH, has confirmed revised indicative funding of £16.5 million for local authorities to deliver Healthwatch, up from the £11 million originally offered. This is additional funding for local Healthwatch and the new information providing service, on top of the baseline of £27 million which will transfer from LINKs to local Healthwatch next year.
8. Last month the LGA delivered its six monthly review/progress report to the Department of Health's Healthwatch programme Board. This report details the work undertaken by the LGA's Healthwatch Implementation Programme for the six months beginning in April 2012. From June 2012 the activity of a core programme team has been supplemented by a network of regionally based part time Healthwatch Implementation Team Advisors working in partnership with a range of associates and partners. The primary focus for this programme-supported by DH has been to provide support to local authorities with their commissioning plans for local Healthwatch and where appropriate – associated activities such as NHS complaints advocacy. Almost all LGA member local authorities have benefitted from the programme of support provided by the Healthwatch programme.
9. Last month the LGA launched Establishing Local Healthwatch (LHW) a series of briefings to assist local authorities and their partners in local communities and the NHS to support the commissioning, setting up and early development of local Healthwatch. The briefings are intended as a general introduction to what is involved and a brief summary of issues and questions which local authorities and others may wish to consider.
 - 9.1 Introduction and the local authority role
 - 9.2 Commissioning and development
 - 9.3 Working with health and wellbeing boards
 - 9.4 Governance
 - 9.5 Advice, information and signposting
 - 9.6 Children and Young People
 - 9.7 Working with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG)'s
 - 9.8 Working with hard to reach groups
 - 9.9 Making an impact with Healthwatch
 - 9.10 Local Healthwatch, HWBs and Scrutiny roles, relationships and adding value

Appointments to Public Health England

10. Duncan Selbie welcomed the appointment of members of the executive agency's new senior management team. The new directors are:
 - 10.1 Dr Paul Cosford, Director of Health Protection
 - 10.2 Professor John Newton, Chief Knowledge Officer
 - 10.3 Jonathan Marron, Director of Strategy
 - 10.4 Sally Warren, Director of Programmes
 - 10.5 Lis Birrane, Director of Communications
 - 10.6 Richard Gleave, Chief Operating Officer
 - 10.7 Tony Vickers-Byrne, Director of Human Resources
11. The new agency will be fully operational from 1 April 2013

Confirmation of the Community Wellbeing Board portfolio holder system

12. Members are asked to discuss and confirm the portfolio holders system outlined at **Appendix 8b**.

Upcoming Public Health Events

13. On 19 November the LGA will host 'Reversing the tide: councils' role in tackling obesity conference', a free conference for elected members, local government officers and the health sector exploring how councils and their partners can work together to tackle obesity and health inequalities in children, young people, adults and local communities.
14. On 3 December the LGA will host 'A breath of fresh air: councils role in tackling tobacco a free conference for elected members, local government officers and the health sector exploring how councils and their partners can work. It will explore the strategic role of health and wellbeing boards, the issues affecting children and young people and the political issues surrounding tobacco control. The conference will be delivered through a series of interactive speaker sessions and workshops. Anna Soubry, Public Health Minister confirmed her appearance at this important event.

Other selected forthcoming Events

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Date	Event
08 November 2012	Health and Wellbeing Boards - Final National Learning and Sharing Event
19 November 2012	CIEH - England's new public health service - making it all work
20 November 2012	Smith Square Debate - Adult Social Care
17 January 2013	The council's role in tackling drug and alcohol problems in our community
23 February 2013	LGA Public Health Conference 2013