

## **Update on other Board Business**

### **Purpose of report**

Members to note the following:

- Draft Care and Support Bill
- LGA's Towards Excellence in Adult Social Care and Winterbourne View programmes
- Children and Young People's Health update (**Appendix A**)
- Spending Round 2015-16
- Teenage Pregnancy Statistics
- Recent LGA publications
- Selected forthcoming events

### **Recommendations**

Members are asked to **note** and **discuss** the updates contained in the report.

### **Action**

As directed by Members.

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### **Draft Care and Support Bill**

1. The Joint Committee on the Draft Care and Support Bill is chaired by Paul Burstow MP and is conducting pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft bill and the policies it seeks to implement. The Joint Committee has concluded its oral evidence sessions and we expect its final report to be published shortly.
2. Cllr David Rogers OBE gave oral evidence to the Joint Committee on 10 January and set out the LGA's support for the general direction of travel articulated in the care and support white paper and draft bill. He cautioned, however, that the vision and policy aspirations would not be realised without additional funding – both to resource provisions in the draft bill, and to ensure the system itself is sustainably funded.

### **Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme**

3. As noted in the previous Board report, Chris Bull has been appointed to lead the LGA's and the NHS Commissioning Board's Joint Improvement Programme, as announced by the Department of Health following its recent final report on events at Winterbourne View Hospital.
4. Based on the principles of sector led improvement, most of the solutions to key issues and challenges will continue to be found locally and within existing practice and structures, with additional regional and national support to be provided only when appropriate. The Improvement Programme will work with national partners and local areas to:
  - 4.1 Deliver rapid, fundamental and sustainable service redesign from childhood onwards,
  - 4.2 Work with partners to change attitudes and behaviour, including clinical practice
  - 4.3 Ensure that the voice of people that use services, their families and carers are central to national and local action.
5. The programme will involve an ambitious programme for change that will require significant leadership across both health and social care. There are some crucial timelines and principles for local partnerships, as agreed in the recent Concordat, and HWBs may need to assure themselves of progress being made in their areas against these. This should result in the transformation of care pathways so by June 2014, individuals no longer remain in assessment and treatment centres - and that these no not re-emerge under another guise.
6. Given these timelines, the programme is currently focusing on
  - 6.1 Defining what good looks like, particularly on reviews of care plans (which are to be completed by June 2013) and the development of joint strategic plans (which are to start from April 2013);

- 6.2 Aligning with existing work with providers on innovation and change, as well as building more collaborative relationships between commissioners and providers; and
  - 6.3 Developing a series of engagement events for local commissioners across health and social care.
7. This work will be led by a programme board. In addition to the LGA and the NHS CB, this will involve ADASS, ADCS, CQC, DH, DfE and SOLACE, as signatories to the recent Concordat. It also includes operational and academic expertise, as well as organisations that represent people that use services, their families and carers. The two year programme will receive funding from the Department of Health and is expected to be well established by April 2013. It will continue to report to the Board on progress as the programme develops.

### **Towards Excellence in Adult Social Care – Use of Resources**

- 8. As part of the Towards Excellence in Adult Social Care programme on sector led improvement in adult social care, work has been commissioned to support adult social care and in particular local leadership within Councils to make the best use of available resources in the current challenging financial context. Board members have commented on these resources as they have developed.
- 9. This has resulted in practical written guidance and tools that seek to support councils with their strategic and financial planning. These are launched on 6 March and are available on the LGA website.
- 10. The final report 'A Problem Shared' sets out how councils, their partners and their communities can work together to make the very best use of the reducing resources at Council's disposal. The reports illustrate how much has been achieved in securing effective and efficient use of resources in adult social care since 2009. They also seek to highlight research, other evidence and examples of current activity by councils to help maintain this momentum.
- 11. The reports are accompanied by a self-assessment toolkit, designed to identify the components of an effective and efficient care and support system and to help councils check their progress. This toolkit will be further developed during 2013, perhaps via a 'test bed' approach in councils, to explore how it could be used as a way of supporting councils' work to challenge themselves, to compare their performance, to develop better measures of success, and to drive improvement.
- 12. This work of course links with the LGA's work on efficiency in adult social care and its continuing campaign on funding and reform.
- 13. A further update on the work of the Towards Excellence in Adult Social Care programme will be provided at a future meeting, which will include developing work on engagement with Members.

### **Children and Young People's Health update**

- 14. The report at **Appendix A** gives a summary of Government policy announcements and work undertaken since January 2013. Members are asked to note the update and

share their views on the LGA's future work on the system-wide response to the CYP health outcomes Forum's report.

### **Spending Round 2015-16**

15. Officers from the LGA and ADASS are working with colleagues in the Department of Health in advance of the Spending Review to identify key pressure points within the system and the scope for further efficiencies. Separately the LGA and ADASS are working together on a piece of work to look at the fact that adult social care is now supporting fewer people but at higher cost. The work will explore who is no longer supported and why, and the learning this may suggest around the benefits of one-off interventions and support that helps people to remain independent at home.

### **Teenage Pregnancy Statistics**

16. On the 26 February the Office for National Statistics (ONS) published the latest conception statistics. This statistical bulletin presents estimated annual conceptions occurring to women usually resident in England and Wales in 2011. The under 18 conception rate was 30.7 per 1,000 women aged 15-17, a fall of 10.2% from 2010. Since 1998 when the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy was launched there has been a 34% decrease in rates.
17. The Public Health Minister Anna Soubry noted in her speech at the LGA Annual Public Health Conference that the decline in teenage pregnancy rates was the lowest for 40 years and attributed this primarily to the work of councils.
18. Further information is available at [http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/dcp171778\\_301080.pdf](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/dcp171778_301080.pdf)

### **Integrated care and support resource sheet**

19. This short [resource sheet](#) is aimed at local health and care system leaders and professionals with an interest, or potential interest, in integrated care and support. Its purpose is to signpost people to information and resources on how best to achieve this successfully within their local health and care economies.
20. It has been supported and developed by a number of key national partners who are working together to align their work on integrated care and support, including the Local Government Association, NHS Commissioning Board, Monitor, Department of Health and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services. As national partners, we aim to ensure local areas are equipped with a consistent set of tools and the support they need to deliver real improvements in outcomes for local people.

### **Sexual health commissioning FAQs and Knowledge Hub group**

21. The LGA is producing a guide for elected members on sexual health commissioning, and has recently published a [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\)](#) document online. The Health and Wellbeing Knowledge Hub group provides a forum for people to share their challenges and solutions. In addition to these FAQs the Department of Health (DH) will shortly publish guidance on local government's mandatory responsibilities for sexual health.

**Selected forthcoming events**

| <b>Date</b>   | <b>Event</b>   |
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| 27 March 2013 | A brighter future: the council's role in improving mental health and wellbeing     |
| 15 April 2013 | A new model for Local Government: Children and Adult Social care 'deep dive' event |
| 23 April 2013 | The council's role in tackling teenage pregnancy                                   |