

## **Community Wellbeing Programme Board - Report from Cllr David Rogers OBE (Chair)**

1. Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS, the Government's **White Paper on the future of the NHS** and health, was published on 12 July. The Local Government Group, published a briefing summarising the key proposals in the White Paper and the Local Government Group's initial response the following day (<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pageld=12465576>).
2. Following on from this, on 24 August I wrote to all Lead Members for Adult Services, and all council Leaders to update them on the Local Government Group's (LG Group) activity in relation to the NHS White Paper and to seek their views on our response. The letter is available here:  
<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pageld=13310247>
3. On 9 September, here at LG House, David Nicholson, Chief Executive of the NHS in England, will be holding a meeting on leading the transition to a new system. This meeting will be specifically focusing on local government, with the goal of exploring how we take an integrated approach to the transition process across the NHS and local government, as well as seeking views on some of the specific White Paper proposals around local democratic legitimacy and early input to the thinking on public health. Representatives from across local government and the sector, including SOLACE, ADCS and ADASS, have been invited.
4. I wrote to congratulate Andrew Dilnot on his appointment as Chair of the **Commission on the Funding of Care and Support** on 28 July. I also took this opportunity to outline our position, that there is an urgent need to reform our care and support system to address both long and short term funding issues, and without additional resource local authorities will not be able to meet the immediate needs of some of the most vulnerable people in society.
5. On Wednesday 21 July we held a **summit for elected Lead Members of Adult Services** at Local Government House. Over 90 delegates came together to discuss the reform of care and support, the relationship between care and health and the transformation of adult services. Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Social Care was interviewed by the Guardian's Public Service Editor, David Brindle, and we heard from Prof John Glasby, Professor of Health and Social Care at University of Birmingham, and Jenny Owen, Executive Director, Adults, Health and Wellbeing, Essex CC, amongst others.

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A note of and slides from the day, along with a webcast of the Ministerial interview are available on the LGA site at:

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pagelId=13060913>

6. At the first meeting of the annual cycle of the **Community Wellbeing Programme Board**, on 15 September, we will be discussing the state of and reform of health and social care and responses to our ageing society, and hearing from Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Social Care, amongst others.
7. As well as the year's work programme more generally, we will also be discussing and agreeing the LG Group's position on the NHS White Paper to make the most of this opportunity to demonstrate that local government has the capacity, experience and commitment to provide leadership and vision for health improvement.

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