

Community Wellbeing Programme Board – report from Cllr David Rogers OBE (Chair)

National children and adult services conference

1. The annual National Children and Adult Services conference took place from 19-21 October at London Excel. This was a key event for the sector with almost 1100 delegates and 83 exhibitors, and we heard the very latest thinking on key policy and improvement agendas and had an opportunity to put our questions and comments to those involved in shaping them at the highest level.
2. A key theme running through several of the sessions is the central role of councils and health and wellbeing boards in driving through system change. From the keynote address by Lord Crisp KCB and Rt Hon Stephen Dorrell MP to the final address by Rt Hon Andrew Lansley OBE MP, the Secretary of State for Health, the clear message is that local and central government need to work together to realise real change in health and wellbeing, and that health and wellbeing boards will be a new type of partnership for delivering lasting improvements in this area. For more information, with blogs on many of the sessions over the conference, please see the dedicated NCAS website <http://blogs.idea.gov.uk>

Meeting with Chairs of the Regional Lead Member Networks

3. I met the Chairs of the Regional Lead Member Networks on 19 October at National Conference. The Regional Lead Member Networks are part of LGA's programme of support for councillors leading adult social care and health services. The free-to-attend meetings offer opportunities to share current practice and to discussing current issues in adult social care. Items for discussion included formalising the links between the Networks and the Board. I also attended an informal meeting between the Minister, Paul Burstow MP and the Chairs on 21 October, also at Conference, in which the future funding of social care was discussed.

Joint Public Health and GP stakeholder group

4. I chaired the Joint Public Health and GP stakeholder meeting on 11 October 2011. I updated the group on the work on the Future Forum and the work of the Local Government Health Transition Task Group. Officers gave an update on the progress of the Health and Social Care Bill, Public Health workforce and the HR concordat, Public Health budgets, commissioning, Health and Social Care Outcomes framework position statement and a joint statement on Public Health. After some discussion, the outcomes framework has been redrafted and

recirculated for their sign off. The joint statement on public health has been agreed and signed off by the Local Government Association, British Medical Association, Faculty of Public Health, Association of Directors of Public Health, NHS Confederation and Royal College of Midwives and has been formally released and is being promoted. This is an unprecedented collaboration.

Meeting with Rt Hon Stephen Dorrell MP

5. In Andrew Cozens and I met with Rt Hon Stephen Dorrell MP, Chair of the Health Select Committee on 11 October to discuss a range of issues on health and social care including following up on the oral evidence which I gave to the committee last month; social care funding; public health, and integration.

Meeting with Sir Keith S. Pearson JP, Chair of the NHS Confederation

6. The NHS Confederation, LGA and Age UK have established a commission on improving dignity in care provided to older patients in hospitals and in care homes. I am a co-chair of the commission, alongside Sir Keith S. Pearson JP, Chair of the NHS Confederation and Dianne Jeffrey, Chair of Age UK. I met with Sir Keith on 13 October to discuss the oral sessions for the Commission on Improving Dignity in Care for Older People which will take place throughout November. The Commission has already gathered information through a call for written evidence. It will consult on a draft report and recommendations at the end of this year and plans to publish a final report during the spring of 2012. More information on the Commission can be found at www.nhsconfed.org/dignity

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