

**Item 3b**

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

**LGA Sexual Health Conference - 09 May**

1. On 9 May, as part of the LGA's ongoing programme of support for local government as the sector assumes its responsibilities under the Health and Adult Social Care Act, Local Government House hosted a conference focused on working together with our partners for high quality sexual health services.
2. Cllr Jonathan McShane of the Community Wellbeing Board chaired the event, which was attended by over 100 delegates. Primary Care Trusts, regional NHS organisations, charities and foundation trusts were amongst those represented, along with councils from around the country. The event had a strong focus on partnership working, political leadership and making the new system of commissioning work to its best, to best serve local communities.

**Australian Parliamentary Committee - Ageing Well research tour**

3. On 10 May, the LGA contributed to a research tour by the Family and Community Development Committee, of the Government of the State of Victoria, Australia, at Australia House, London. The delegation of local politicians sought information on UK local government's approach to the ageing well agenda, and in particular to hear the LGA's perspective on the role of local government in achieving opportunities for participation of older people in society, drawing on the LGA's previous work in this field.

**My Home Life Parliamentary Reception - 16.05.12 - House of Commons**

4. Cllr Mike Jones, substitute on the Community Wellbeing Board, attended a parliamentary reception on behalf of the LGA to launch the My Home Life engagement exercise with care homes, which is an initiative of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and Age UK. The project seeks to help staff optimise the quality of care in their homes, and now spreads across 19 local authorities in England.

**National Stakeholder Forum meetings**

5. On 21 May I attended the National Stakeholder Forum. The National Stakeholder Forum is a group of senior leaders and experts from all parts of the healthcare, social care and public health systems, convened at the request of

the Secretary of State for Health. The forum aims to provide early feedback and advice on emerging policy.

### **LGA stakeholder meeting on health protection / emergency preparedness, resilience and response (EPRR)**

6. I joined emergency planning and environmental health officers, as well as representatives of the Health Protection Agency, Department of Health, and CIEH to chair a roundtable meeting on 28 May. The meeting considered the health protection system as a whole, preparedness for major crises, regulations and the support in place for new Directors of Public Health. The LGA will follow this meeting with a Health Protection Seminar for elected members on 25 June.

### **GP & Public Health stakeholder meeting**

7. The quarterly GP and Public Health roundtable meetings, attended by lead members of the board and chaired by myself continue to meet following the passing of the Health and Social Care Bill. The May meeting gave representatives the opportunity to share what their organisation is doing to implement the Act and to raise the key issues that need addressing during the transitional and implementation phase. Key issues raised included workforce issues and safeguarding children.
8. This stakeholder roundtable and a number of other regular stakeholder meetings are one of the key ways the LGA continues to put the case for local government on issues included in the health reform agenda, including the transfer of public health to local government. We also continue to campaign for public health funding to be based on levels of health need rather than historical spending patterns.

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