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

Health Select Committee's inquiry on public expenditure

1. Together with Andrew Cozens, LGA Associate, I provided oral evidence to the Health Select Committee's inquiry on public expenditure on 23 October, with representatives of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Care (ADASS) and the NHS Confederation. All three organisations were clear that the adult social system is facing considerable pressure and that efficiency alone is not sufficient to secure a sustainable future.

CLG Select Committee – written evidence submitted on public sector reform

2. This month the LGA also submitted evidence to the Communities and Local Government Select Committee Inquiry on the future role of English local authorities, in partnership with the ADASS. Our key messages were that the transfer of public health to local government was strongly supported by local government. Transition arrangements are well underway and local government is committed to ensuring a smooth transfer. We raised concerns regarding the accuracy of the baseline levels of public health expenditure and emphasised the importance of ensuring a fair and adequate distribution to enable councils to meet their new public health responsibilities.

Integrated commissioning conference

3. On 29 October the LGA hosted a conference on Integrated Commissioning, attended by approximately 100 delegates. Norman Lamb MP, Minister of State for Care and Support gave the morning plenary and was followed by a number of panels and workshops looking at new ways of working and service delivery. Sir David Nicholson (NHS Commissioning Board), Sarah Pickup (ADASS) and Professor Steve Field (NHS Future Forum) were some of the national figures who also addressed delegates.

Meeting with the Anna Soubry MP

4. I accompanied the Chairman and Chief Executive of the LGA to meet Anna Soubry, Minister of State with responsibility for public health on 13 November and discussed a number of the LGA's key priorities in this area. We reiterated the LGA's position regarding the total funding for public health; updated the Minister on the good progress of the Public Health assurance process; discussed the impact on local government of the duty to appoint medical examiners to oversee the death certification process; and also discussed the encouraging results from the whole-place community budget pilots which the LGA is supporting. The Minister was welcoming and receptive to our points.

From Transition to Transformation published

5. The LGA's suite of resources to assist the transfer of public health to local authorities has been updated. The focus is on transformation, showing how councils and public health are going beyond the practical steps of transition to develop a local vision for public health, supported by new models for implementation.

Department for Health's Physical Activity Network – Partners' Forum – 29 October

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6. Cllr Steve Bedser attended the partners' forum on behalf of the Board and received details of the physical activity initiatives being developed by a diverse range of organisations from YMCA England to Morrison's supermarkets and Wiltshire Council, and their impact on health outcomes through prevention and rehabilitation.

National Learning Network for Health and Wellbeing (HWB) boards event

7. Cllr Jonathan McShane spoke on behalf of the Board on 8 November as part of a panel discussion with Anna Bradley, HealthWatch England and Carolyn Downs, LGA Chief Executive. I also took part in the day, which focused on shared leadership and was attended by an audience of Health and Wellbeing Chairs, public health and NHS professionals and representatives of third-sector groups.

National Children's and Adult Services Conference (NCAS)

8. The National Children's and Adult Services Conference was held in Eastbourne from 24 – 26 October. It attracted around 950 delegates from local government, central government and the third sector, including 170 councillors. It was generally judged to be a lively and stimulating conference, with considerable Ministerial presence including Jeremy Hunt, Norman Lamb, David Laws and Edward Timpson. Lead members for Adult Social Care had the opportunity to meet Norman Lamb to raise their concerns. I co-hosted a dinner for approximately 80 Lead Members and LGA representatives also contributed to a variety of conference plenary sessions.
9. At the National Children's and Adult Services Conference we launched a new publication, ['The reform of adult social care and support: a guide for council leaders and chief executives'](#). The guide was produced jointly between the LGA, SOLACE and ADASS and sets out the background to the reform debate, the key headlines from the care and support white paper and draft bill, and some of the big implications for councils of the government's reform proposals. The guide was extremely popular with delegates. Alongside the publication we launched a template letter for councils and the public to send to their MP on the urgent need for care and support reform, and a template press release, which councils can use to raise the profile of the debate amongst their residents.

Draft Care and Support Bill – Response submitted

10. The LGA and SOLACE (Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers) submitted a joint response to the Government's consultation on the draft Care and Support Bill on 19 October. The response sets out our broad support for the draft bill but raises a number of issues and concerns that fall within three categories: matters of overall approach, including resources and funding; issues of scope; and issues of detail.
11. Read the response and contact us at: http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/health-wellbeing-and-adult-social-care/-/journal_content/56/10171/3756574/ARTICLE-TEMPLATE

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