

## **Community Wellbeing Board – report from Cllr Zoe Patrick (Chair)**

### **Integrated Care**

1. Integration of health and social care has been a key focus for the Community Wellbeing team's work over the last few months. The LGA has established a joint 'Integrated Care and Support Working Group' to align our work on integrated care – made up of LGA, NHSE, Monitor, ADASS, Department of Health, ADCS and Public Health England. This collaborative group has developed a joint workplan focussed on four key themes – Narrative, Case for Change, Barriers and Enablers, Tools and Support.
2. This has so far consisted of a patient/service user Narrative for integrated care, a resource sheet and a 'Shared Commitment' document which outlines a series of local and national commitments and the tools and support that national partners will provide for the integrated care 'Pioneers' and the wider system. The working group, with the LGA as the lead, has also commissioned a toolkit for local areas to support the business case for whole system integrated care models. Work is now moving to the implementation phase.
3. In support of this work, Cllr Rogers and Cllr Gillian Ford have attended meetings with the Minister of State for Social Care, Norman Lamb MP to discuss and agree the joint work programme. Further, on 17 April Cllr Rogers took part in a seminar hosted by the Shadow Secretary of State for Health, Andy Burnham MP and the Reform thinktank, to discuss the concept of whole-person care.

### **Adult social care reform for working age adults**

4. Cllr Lynn Travis, Member of the LGA's Community Wellbeing Board, gave oral evidence on 19 March to an inquiry on adult social care reform for working age adults, held jointly between the APPGs on Local Government and on Disability. Cllr Travis noted that whilst the direction of travel is positive (greater emphasis on personalisation and a holistic approach to wellbeing) the potential positive impact of the reform agenda could be at risk if there is insufficient baseline funding for the system. Cllr Travis also set out the importance of prevention and urged the Government for clarity on how the social care cost cap will work for people aged 40 and above.

### **Mental health**

5. Cllr David Rogers attended a meeting on 19 March to input into Public Health England's plans and work programme to help put mental health at the heart of the new public health system, and to support development of system wide leadership in this important area. Cllr Rogers and colleagues from Kent County Council illustrated to Norman Lamb MP, Minister for Care, how councils can provide democratic leadership for all parts of the wider public health system at a local level, to ensure they contribute to mental health and wellbeing objectives.
6. On 27 April the LGA hosted '**a brighter future: councils' role in improving mental health and wellbeing**', organised jointly with the children and young people board as part of the public health and children's health work programme. Cllr Lynn Travis chaired the morning session and over seventy people attended the conference. Speakers included a young person who shared her views on involving children and

young people in health care decisions and three local authority case studies of public mental health working locally.

### **Death certification reforms**

7. Cllr David Rogers met Minister of State for Public Health, Anna Soubry MP, on 12 March to raise the LGA's concerns regarding the implementation on the new duty on unitary and county councils to appoint independent medical examiners to oversee the death certification process. It has not yet been implemented and, as yet, there is no confirmed date for implementation.

### **Tuberculosis Oversight Group**

8. On 10 April, Councillor Catherine McDonald represented the LGA at the first meeting of Public Health England's 'Tuberculosis Oversight Group'. PHE have identified Tuberculosis as one of their key health protection priorities for 2013/14. The meeting reviewed the current epidemiology, the evidence for what will make the biggest difference, and considered what a comprehensive disease prevention and control programme would look like across the public health system, the NHS, local government, the third sector and others as appropriate.

### **Measles**

9. On 26 April Public Health England published their Measles Immunisation Plan, following outbreaks in Swansea and other areas. The main thrust of the new campaign is to urge young people between 10 and 16 years of age who remain under- or unvaccinated to get vaccinated. The Public Health England Centre and NHS England Area Screening and Immunisation teams will work together and with your Director of Public Health to plan and coordinate the local response to ensure you have up to date information about measles cases in your area. To support councils the LGA has recently co-produced an FAQ document on Measles: <http://tinyurl.com/c8p3ep8>.

### **Councils' role in tackling teenage pregnancy and improving health outcomes**

10. Cllr Jonathan McShane, LB Hackney chaired this LGA conference attended by over seventy delegates. Speakers included Anna Soubry MP, Public Health Minister and Simon Blake, Chief Executive of Brook. Three local authority case studies shared how they are tackling teenage pregnancy and a young parent co-presented a workshop on Canterbury District Young Parent Service.

### **Transfer of public health to local authorities - resources**

11. April marked the transfer of public health responsibilities from the NHS to local authorities. The LGA have published a number of resources to help local authorities understand how they can tackle key public health issues like teenage pregnancy, obesity, mental health, drugs and alcohol. Each briefing focuses on issues affecting children, young people as well as adults and contains case study examples and ideas for success: <http://tinyurl.com/cod86g6>

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