



Community Wellbeing Board Away Day and Board meeting

Agenda

Tuesday, 11 October 2022
10.00 am

Beecham Room, 7th Floor, 18 Smith
Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

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Community Wellbeing Board – Membership

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Cllr Kevin Etheridge	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Cllr Mohan Iyengar	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council

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Community Wellbeing Board 2022/23: How it works for you, Terms of Reference, and Board Membership

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

This report sets out how the Community Wellbeing Board operates and how the LGA works to support the objectives and work of its member authorities.

The Community Wellbeing Board are asked to note and agree their Terms of Reference for the 2022/23 year.

Recommendations

That the Community Wellbeing Board:

- i. agrees note its [Terms of Reference](#);
- ii. formally notes the [membership for 2022/23](#), and;
- iii. note the [Board meeting dates for 2022/23](#);

Action

As directed by Members.

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Community Wellbeing Board 2022/23: How it works for you, Terms of Reference, and Board Membership

Background

1. The LGA's Boards seek to lead the agenda for local government on the key challenges and issues within their remit and support the overall objectives of the organisation as set out in the LGA's Business Plan.
2. They take an active role in helping to shape the Association's business plan through extensive engagement with councils and oversight of the programmes of work that deliver these strategic priorities.

2022/23 Terms of reference and membership

3. The Community Wellbeing Board's Terms of Reference are set out [here](#) for agreement.
4. The Community Wellbeing Board's Membership are set out [here](#) for noting.
5. The Community Wellbeing Boards meeting dates for 2022/23 are found at [here](#) for noting.

Community Wellbeing Board Lead Members

6. The LGA seeks where possible to work on the basis of consensus across all four groups. The Community Wellbeing Board is politically balanced, and led by the Chair and three Vice/Deputy Chairs, drawn from each of the four political groups. This grouping of members – known as Lead Members – meet in between Board meetings, shape future meeting agendas, provide clearance on time sensitive matters, represent the Board at external events, meetings and in the media, as well as engaging with the wider Board to ensure your views are represented.
7. The Lead Members for 2022/23 are:
 - 7.1 Cllr David Fothergill, Chairman (Conservative)
 - 7.2 Cllr Pete Marland, Vice-Chair (Labour)
 - 7.3 Cllr Sarah Osborne, Deputy Chair (Liberal Democrat)
 - 7.4 Cllr Rosemary Sexton, Deputy Chair (Independents)

The Community Wellbeing Board team

8. The Board is supported by a cross cutting team of LGA officers, with Policy colleagues and designated Member Services Officer, being those which you are likely to have regular contact with.
9. The Community Wellbeing Board team supports the LGA's work on the Board's priorities relating to Community Wellbeing, and also a number of other discrete issues which are within the Board's remit. The team works with Board Members, the LGA press office and political groups to maintain local government's reputation on Community Wellbeing issues in the media, directs our lobbying work (according to Members' steer) in

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conjunction with the Parliamentary affairs team, and works collaboratively with other Boards across relevant cross cutting policy and improvement issues.

10. The team supports Members in person or by briefing when they represent the LGA on external speaking platforms or at Ministerial or Whitehall events. We will provide briefing notes and/or suggested speaking notes as required in advance if each engagement.
11. The team also participate in a number of officer working groups and programme boards, representing the sector's interests and putting forward the LGA's agreed policy positions.

Communications and Events

12. There are a number of internal and external communications channels available to help the Community Wellbeing Board promote the work it is doing and to seek views from our member authorities.
13. In the Autumn the Community Wellbeing Team participates in the National Children and Adult Services conference (NCASC) Organised by the Local Government Association (LGA), Association of Directors of Social Services (ADASS) and Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS), the NCASC is regularly attended by more than 1,000 delegates. It is widely recognised as the most important annual event of its kind for councillors, directors, senior officers, policymakers and service managers with responsibilities for children's services, adult care and health in the statutory, voluntary and private sectors. This years NCASC will be held in Manchester from 2 to 4 November.
14. We also have a dedicated section on the LGA website, regular e-bulletins with a personal introduction from the Chair of the Board, outside speaking engagements and interviews, advisory networks, features and news items in First magazine as well as twitter accounts which are used to keep in touch with our members.



Meeting: Community Wellbeing Board

Date: October 2022

Community Wellbeing Priorities 2022/23

Purpose of report

For decision

Summary

This report outlines proposals for the Board's priorities and key areas of work, set against the available resources for 2022/23. The proposals are based on the suggested priorities considered by the Board in July, as well as draft corporate LGA priorities and ongoing work and recent policy announcements by Government. Subject to members' views, officers will develop a work programme to deliver these priorities.

Recommendation

That the Community Wellbeing Board agree the priorities outlined in the paper.

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Community Wellbeing Priorities 2022/23

Background

1. At this first meeting of the Community Wellbeing Board, members are asked to consider the policy priorities for the work programme for the coming year.
2. This report sets out proposed high-level priorities for each of the key thematic work areas for the Board for 2022/23. The work programme takes account of feedback and suggestions provided by Board members at the meeting in July 2022.
3. The LGA's 2019-22 business plan previously set out a range of cross-cutting priorities with the work programmes of individual board should contribute to:
 - Funding for local government.
 - Adult social care, health and wellbeing.
 - Narrowing inequalities and protecting communities.
 - Children, education and schools.
 - Places to live and work.
 - Strong local democracy.
 - Sustainability and climate action.
 - Supporting councils.
4. The business plan is currently being updated. Based on the current draft the Board's priorities will contribute in the main to the LGA's work around the reform of adult social care, the integration of care and health, supporting councils to meet a range of public health challenges, as well as create inclusive communities where everyone of all ages can live safe, healthy, active, independent lives.

Proposed priorities

Adult social care

5. Previous Board priorities for adult social care have focussed on the broad twin agendas of funding and reform. In those previous years, we have looked to the year ahead and geared our work around making the case for increased investment in adult social care and advocating for the reforms we believe are needed to best support people to live the lives they want to lead. This year, the priorities remain broadly the same albeit with different context. In addition to the continued context of pandemic recovery (particularly tackling backlogs in adult social care assessments and care reviews, and delays to care packages), we will move into the new Board year with a range of issues to work through linked to implementing the Government's care and support reform agenda, as well as

continued and significant financial pressures – now exacerbated by inflationary pressures.

6. At the time of writing we anticipate a further fiscal event in late November and understand government departments have been tasked with finding further efficiencies. In this context, it is suggested that we will need to continue to focus our efforts on making the case for significant new investment in adult social care, building on our recent call for £13 billion to tackle immediate pressures and ensure councils have the resources they need to deliver the full range of their statutory duties under the Care Act. By continuing to make the case for this investment we will seek to prevent a further deterioration in the quality of, and access to, care and support by tackling: core pressures (demography and inflation); the pre-existing provider market gap (the difference between what providers say is the cost of delivering care and what councils pay); unmet and under-met need; care worker pay and better support for the care workforce; and greater investment in prevention. This work will take place in the context of new investment of £500 million for adult social care to support discharge from hospital, which has been presented by Government as a first step towards rebalancing health and social care funding in future years.
7. Given adult social care constitutes such a high proportion of councils' budgets (for those with social care responsibilities), sustainable funding for social care is essential to the sustainability of funding for local government overall. We will therefore continue our policy, public affairs, parliamentary and media work (lobbying and influencing) on the crucial issue of stabilising social care in the here and now, working closely with colleagues in the Partners In Care programme (formerly the Care and Health Improvement Programme) to ensure our work reflects the issues facing councils on the ground.
8. Alongside the immediate-term, we will also need to remain closely involved in work on the longer-term future of adult social care and support. We have done a significant amount of work on care and support reform since 2018 when we published our own green paper on social care and wellbeing. This provides us with a solid position and a clear articulation of the changes we believe are needed as we look ahead to, and prepare for, implementation of the Government's reforms (particularly the care cost cap, changes to the financial means test thresholds, and developing a more solid evidence base on 'cost of care' for providers). We will need to maintain our lobbying and influencing work on shaping the future of care and support, alongside more detailed, technical work in preparing for implementation of the reforms. Again, we will work closely with colleagues in our Partners In Care programme.
9. We will continue to work with national partners on a programme of leadership development for new members with responsibility for adult social care, and we will ensure key issues facing the sector are covered at the annual National Children and Adult Services Conference, which this year is taking place between 2-4 November 2022.

Integration

10. Throughout 2022, the LGA worked closely with Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), NHS England and other stakeholders to ensure that the voice of

local government influenced the Health and Care Act 2022 and associated guidance and implementation support. This has had several positive outcomes so far:

- Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) are legally required to have at least one local authority 'partner member' on their boards.
- ICBs and all relevant local authorities are legally required to work together to establish an Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) as a statutory committee of the ICB.
- ICBs will be required to consider the integrated care strategy of the ICPs and all relevant Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) joint local health and wellbeing strategies in the development of the ICB joint forward plan.
- Health and social care integration white paper, published in February 2022, (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-social-care-integration-joining-up-care-for-people-places-and-populations/health-and-social-care-integration-joining-up-care-for-people-places-and-populations>) sets out the Government's expectations for bringing together the NHS and local government at place, to deliver better care and better outcomes for people. The LGA welcomes the values underpinning the white paper and the essential role of local government and place-based leadership in achieving the ambitions for better care and support and better outcomes.

11. In many areas, ICSs have made a positive start in building on existing place based partnerships between local government, the NHS and other key partners. We will work with local councils, and national partners to ensure that ICSs continue to develop collaborative and inclusive approaches to joining up care and support and improving population health.

12. In 2022/23 the Community Wellbeing Board will continue to:

- to represent voice of local government in developing guidance and implementation support to local partners in the development of ICSs, ICBs, ICPs and their place-based partnerships.
- to ensure that the principle of subsidiarity and the primacy of place continues to be a key component of Government and NHS England policy and guidance, in particular that health and wellbeing boards are recognised as crucial components in the new health and care landscape at place. Furthermore, that ICBs and ICPs work in close partnership to build on and add value to the priorities and leadership of HWBs.
- work with national partners, including NHS Confederation, NHS Providers and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) to lobby for local government to have sufficient resources and support to play a leading role in system and place based partnerships.
- continue to press for greater recognition of the role of local democratic accountability in the planning and delivery of integrated services, in particular the role of health and wellbeing boards and the role of health overview and scrutiny.

Public health and prevention

13. Over the last year public health teams have moved from a focus on the response to Covid-19 to resuming work on a range of national and local policy issues across their range of responsibilities, including substance misuse services and the new ten-year drug strategy, sexual and reproductive health services, smoking cessation and addressing obesity. Covid-19 of course has not disappeared and we are currently experiencing an increase in infection rates, with vaccinations taking place of those most vulnerable to Covid this autumn. The LGA is also participating in the UK Covid-19 Inquiry alongside the Welsh Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Public Health to ensure the key lessons from councils' experiences inform the Inquiry's work.
14. To support councils' public health work the Community Wellbeing Board during 2022/23 will:
- work to highlight the link between people's health, education, skills, productivity and employment prospects given work and health are central to the story of people and place.
 - work with government to agree a sustainable, long term funding deal for public health.
 - continue to raise awareness of health inequalities especially where local authorities are looking to address the ongoing impact of the cost-of-living challenges.
 - work with the NHS and partners to develop a system-wide approach to public health workforce planning and address urgent staffing issues across public health.
 - work with colleagues across local government to strengthen the position of councils as public health leaders.
 - work with national partners to increase the understanding of, and commitment to, the leadership role of councils' population health role within integrated care systems.
 - continue our commitment to improve national and local level policy across all public health services, specifically: substance misuse services, sexual and reproductive health services and smoking cessation services. We will work closely with the Joint combating drugs unit to deliver on the aspects of the [10-year drugs strategy](#) that relate to drug and alcohol treatment services commissioned by councils.
 - continue to demonstrate that local authority public health interventions funded by the public grant provide excellent value for money. [Research](#) shows that local public health interventions are three to four times lower than the cost resulting from NHS interventions.
 - work with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) to strengthen the health protection role of local government.

- refresh our policy lines on tobacco control, obesity, sexual and reproductive health and drugs and alcohol.
- continue to promote the role of local authority public health through delivering engaging webinars, publications and our Annual Conference, bringing together key voices in the sector to discuss a wide variety of topics.

Children's Health

15. Covid-19 and now the rising cost of living will undoubtedly have an impact on the health, wellbeing and development of children and young people, particularly those from the most affected places, groups and communities.
16. Increasing levels of fuel poverty and food insecurity will also have an impact on the health of children, particularly as families face additional pressures to make ends meet.
17. The Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme has now gone live with 75 local authorities able to apply to be part of the programme and to receive a share of £302m funding. The LGA has worked closely with the Government from the initiation of the programme.
18. In 2022/23 the Community Wellbeing Board will:
 - continue to work with Government to ensure that children's health is prioritised in this challenging environment.
 - work with government to ensure that the views and concerns of local government are addressed in the developing policy agenda for childhood obesity, the Healthy Child Programme and any proposals identified in the Health Disparities White Paper.
 - refresh our policy lines on child obesity, healthy weight, planning, oral health, the vision for the refreshed Healthy Child Programme and with a new cost of living, inequalities and Covid-19 recovery lens.
 - continue to work with partners across the system to strengthen the position of children's health and public health in Integrated Care Boards/Partnerships.
 - continue to work with DHSC, Department for Education (DfE) and partners to ensure "Start for Life" is a collaborative and strength-based programme which empowers councils to improve services and ensure local flexibility and leadership rather than a one-size fits all approach. We will work with DfE and the Centre for Family Hubs to ensure sector input into the roll out of Family Hubs.
 - work jointly with the LGA's Children and Young People's Board on cross-cutting issues such as childhood obesity, nutrition, Family Hubs and support for children, such as Free School Meals and Healthy Start Vouchers.

People in vulnerable circumstances

Mental Health, mental capacity, wellbeing, and suicide prevention

19. Local government has a key leadership and delivery role in promoting good mental health and wellbeing in local communities. Roles and responsibilities include:

- system-wide local leadership through health and wellbeing boards, integrated partnerships and place-based care and support systems.
- statutory duties and powers related to adult social care and mental health for children and young people and for adults under the Mental Health Act.
- public health responsibilities to promote mental wellbeing and prevent poor mental health throughout the life course. Public health also addresses lifestyle issues related to mental health such as obesity, smoking and drug use and has a key leadership role in suicide prevention.
- commissioning of local voluntary and community services to support mental health and wellbeing.

20. Before the pandemic, mental health services and wider wellbeing services were already stretched because of the gradual increase in mental health difficulties for all age groups. Covid-19 has increased the need for support. The [Centre for Mental Health](#) estimates that 10 million people will need support for their mental health as a direct result of the pandemic over the next three to five years. People at higher risk include those with existing mental health problems, survivors of serious Covid-19, frontline workers in health and social care, people economically impacted by the pandemic, and people who have been bereaved. There are also the potential mental health implications of Long Covid, which could further increase demand on services.

21. The LGA are working with the government, the NHS and other partners to [reform the Mental Health Act](#), implement the Community Mental Health Framework, shape the ten year [mental health and wellbeing plan](#) and introduce the [Liberty Protection Safeguards](#) (LPS). We are highlighting resource and workforce pressures and where new financial burdens need to be addressed by government.

22. In 2022/23 the Community Wellbeing Board will:

- highlight local governments vital contribution to mental health. We recently published a [Must Know guide on mental health for Councillors](#).
- continue to argue for sustainable funding for local government statutory and non-statutory mental health services, so they are on an equal footing with NHS clinical mental health services, to meet current, unmet and new demand in the community.
- continue to make an evidence-based case for a shift in government policy and funding away from solely focusing on treating mental ill-health and towards early intervention, prevention and addressing the wider social and economic determinants of people's mental health and wellbeing. We will remain a member of the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) Public

Mental Health Prevention group and promote the [Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health](#) to the sector.

- continue to argue for the voluntary and community sector to be sustainably funded as an important provider of preventative, advocacy, and crisis mental health support.
- support local government to respond to the mental health and wellbeing impacts of Covid-19, providing practical support to local leaders and shaping Government advice and resources.
- support councils to prepare for the implementation of the Mental Health Act in 2024. This will include publishing a 'Get in on the Act' publication, advocating for New Burdens funding, and promoting awareness of the Act and its implications for councils.
- To continue to highlight the pressures on the adult social care workforce, particularly Approved Mental Health Professionals (AHMPs). To work with the government to ensure appropriate funding available to recruit and retain key staff.
- work with the government, national partners and councils on the development of and funding for councils for the new [Liberty Protection Safeguards \(LPS\)](#).
- promote local government's key role in Suicide Prevention through the National suicide Prevention Advisory group and push for funding to support suicide prevention improvement work locally.
- continue to influence and support councils to respond to the implications of adult social care, public health and health reforms for mental health and wellbeing services.
- To highlight the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on mental health in all our mental health policy messages. To highlight its impact on the cost of commissioning and delivering mental health services. To capture and share good practice of councils.

23. The Community Wellbeing Board actions will be taken forward in partnership with the Children and Young People's Board who lead on children and young people's mental health and the Resources Board who lead on workforce mental health. We will also work with the LGA/ADASS improvement programme on mental health reforms and their adult mental health improvement offer.

Dementia

24. With ADASS, we will continue to help councils to protect and support people with dementia and their carers. In 2022/23 the Community Wellbeing Board will:

- promote the benefits to councils of dementia friendly communities.
- continue to highlight to central government and others how councils support people with dementia and their carers in the community - both at home and in care homes.

- continue to work as a partner on the national Dementia programme and help shape the national strategy that is being developed.
- support councils to promote prevention and risk reduction of dementia, especially vascular dementia, through public health and social care policy.
- promote the specific needs of people with dementia from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities.

Unpaid Carers

25. An estimated 4.5 million additional people have become unpaid carers because of the pandemic. This is on top of the 9.1 million unpaid carers already caring before Covid-19. Carers, who are mostly women (57 per cent), are more likely to suffer depression, anxiety, and stress and nearly two-thirds of carers have a long-standing health condition. Young carers have significantly lower levels of attainment at GCSE level and are more likely to not be in education, employment, or training.

26. In 2022/23 the Community Wellbeing Board will:

- represent local government's interests on national meetings on unpaid carers.
- continue to highlight unpaid carers' needs and contribution in all funding and social care reform work.
- continue to work with the Children and Young People's Board to ensure that the pressures facing young carers, such as mental health stress and boundaries to education, are addressed in our policy and improvement work.
- support councils to respond to carers' additional needs and ongoing needs arising from the pandemic.

Autistic People and people with a learning disability

27. Autistic People: Many councils are engaged in innovative work to promote the participation and engagement of autistic people in their communities. Councils and councillors can use their unique local leadership role to raise awareness of autism and drive continued improvement in the delivery of services and support for autistic people. See [new LGA councillor guide to autism](#).

28. People with a learning disability: The LGA is also working with key national organisations to support delivery of the Building the Right Support programme, aimed at improving care and support in the community for people with a learning disability, autism or both, including those with a mental health condition.

29. A recent First magazine article about a Community Well Being Board informal and interactive event at the LGA for elected members on the Board, people with a learning disability, autistic people, family and carers, advocates, academics and CQC inspectors covers the challenges autistic people and people with a learning disability face: <https://www.lgafirst.co.uk/features/beautifully-ordinary-lives/>

30. In 2022/23 the Community Wellbeing Board will:

- help shape the 2022-23 action plan of the three year [National Strategy for autistic children, young adult's years 2022-26](#) and support councils to implement any actions arising from the national strategy, ensuring that any new burdens arising from the strategy are identified and fully funded.
- continue to be a key partner in the [Building the Right Support](#) programme.
- through the LGA improvement programme work with partners to improve care and support for people with a learning disability.
- input into the Down Syndrome Act guidance and identify any new burdens arising from the Act.
- support implementation and identify new burdens of the new Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training for people with a learning disability and autistic people.
- support implementation of the Learning from Lives and Deaths of People with a Learning Disability and autistic people ([LeDeR](#)) programme to improve services for people living with a learning disability and autistic people.
- continue to reflect the needs of working age adults with a learning disability and autistic people in our social care, public health, welfare, and housing reform work.
- continue to communicate any developments, requirements, or new legislation to councils as well as relevant changes relating to the implementation of Integrated Care Boards.

Loneliness and social isolation

31. In 2022/23 the Community Wellbeing Board will:

- continue to represent local government's interests on the national Let's Talk About Loneliness Coalition, and input into the ongoing Government's National Loneliness Strategy and annual report.
- continue to promote councils' leadership role in addressing and preventing loneliness and social isolation and the role of public health, social care and wider council services such as libraries and open spaces.
- highlight the importance of tackling loneliness and social isolation as part of a whole-place approach to preventing ill health and inequalities and supporting wellbeing.

Housing and social care

32. Affordable, well designed, and accessible homes in the right places, with supporting infrastructure, can extend independent and safe living for older people and working age disabled people and/or other long-term health needs. They can also help to reduce demand on social care and health services by supporting greater levels of independence in the community, preventing admissions to residential care and hospital and aiding discharges. For people in vulnerable circumstances, a safe home with personalised support to address practical and care needs, can help people to regain their independence.

33. A particular priority area is ensuring councils are planning housing needs of older people. The LGA with the Housing LIN recently published [Housing our ageing population](#) this makes recommendations to government on how we can best meet the needs of people in later life and include some notable case studies.

34. With the LGA's Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board, the Community Wellbeing Board will:

- continue to make the case for sufficient and sustainable supported housing revenue funding, to give potential investors the certainty to invest in much-needed supply, including extra care housing for older people and tailored accommodation for working age learning disabled adults, autistic people and people who may have mental health problems and other challenging behaviours.
- continue to highlight to government the role of councils in commissioning Specialist Supported Housing and extra care housing, and the importance of such housing in promoting independence and personalisation.
- make the case for a further significant scaling-up of funding for home adaptations so that councils can upgrade existing housing and give people timely advice and access to funding where needed to adapt and repair their homes.
- work with government and people eligible for Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG), councils, landlords and the house building industry to simplify the DFG process and make it easier for the increasing number of people living in the private rented sector to access grants.
- continue to urge the Government to raise accessibility standards by making changes to the building regulations.

End of life Care

35. In 2022/23 the Community Wellbeing Board will:

- continue to promote councils' role and responsibilities in end-of-life care through the national Ambitions End of Life Partnership and membership of the NHS Palliative and End of Life Care Programme Board.
- ensure that end of life care is recognised as part of our social care reform work.

Personalisation

36. Personalisation is a theme running throughout the LGA's work. In 2022/23 the Community Wellbeing Board will:

- continue to promote personalised care, coproduction and user/carer engagement to councils.
- continue to be a member of the Think Local Act Personal Partnership to shape policy and practice in self-directed support.

- as appropriate, engage with people with lived experience in developing policy and improvement support.

Armed Forces Covenant

37. We will continue to support councils to meet their obligations under the Armed Forces Covenant, which every council has signed, so that serving personnel, veterans and their families receive good quality, co-ordinated and person centred support and advice. Through the LGA's national network of Armed Forces Covenant officers, we will continue to influence the development of the Ministry of Defence's new statutory duty on public authorities to have 'due regard' to the Armed Forces Covenant

Implications for Wales

38. Most of the Board's area of responsibilities are devolved issues and the responsibility of the Welsh government. Where necessary we will work with colleagues at the Welsh LGA to identify areas where our work will be applicable to Wales in terms of non-devolved issues. Where work relates to devolved issues our focus will be on English authorities, with the WLGA leading on work in Wales, but we will share our work with WLGA should they wish to use it as a basis for Welsh specific work of their own.

Financial Implications

39. This programme of work will be delivered with existing resources.

Equalities implications

40. The work of the Community Wellbeing Board impacts on a wide range of equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) issues given that many of the people receiving council services falling under the Board's remit have protected characteristics under the Equality Act. The Board will want to consider how effective new and emerging policies and programmes are at meeting the needs of individuals and communities nationally, regionally and locally. In delivering the Board's work programme officers will therefore consider the equalities aspects of individual elements of the programme as these are developed. Board members are also encouraged to consider the EDI issues they may wish to scrutinise.

Next steps

41. Following the Board's discussion, officers will prepare a detailed work programme to manage the day to day work. The priorities agreed by the Board will also be reported back to the LGA Executive Advisory Board, which oversees the work of the policy Boards and includes the Community Wellbeing Board Chairman as part of its membership.

Update on other board business

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

This report sets out other updates relevant to the Board, and not included elsewhere.

Recommendations

Members of the Community Wellbeing Board are asked to:

1. **Provide oral updates** on any other outside bodies / external meetings they may have attended on behalf of the Community Wellbeing Board since the last meeting; and
2. **Note** the updates contained in the report.

Action

As directed by members.

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Update on other board business

Adult Social Care

1. At the Board's July meeting, Members provided a very helpful steer on what the LGA's position should be with regard to the Government's adult social care reform agenda. In summary, Members agreed that we should call publicly for a short 6-month deferral to aspects of the Government's reform agenda but maintain work on 'cost of care' exercises with providers (albeit without the requirement to publish a draft market sustainability plan in October this year). Following this Board discussion, Cllr David Fothergill [wrote publicly](#) to the then Secretary of State for Health and Social Care setting out the LGA's position. This was published alongside an accompanying [press release](#).
2. Building on the above work, the LGA published a new '[adult social care position statement](#)' in September calling for £13 billion new investment in adult social care (to align with what the Prime Minister said during the leadership campaign regarding adult social care needing to be the beneficiary of new funding). We argued that this level of investment is needed to both tackle current pressures and limit their immediate- and short-term impact, and provide councils with the resources required to deliver on their full range of statutory duties under the Care Act. The statement reiterated our position of seeking a 6-month deferral to charging reform, and a delay of at least 12 months to adult social care assurance. The statement was published alongside an accompanying [press release](#), which received considerable national media coverage in both print and broadcast.

New publication: [Women's Health Case Studies](#)

3. Local government is working to ensure women's health is a priority in all they do. These case studies show the breadth of the work going on, from creating menopause-friendly environments to improving access to reproductive and sexual health services.
4. Although women live longer than men on average, they spend a significantly greater proportion of their lives in ill health and disability compared to men. To combat this, the government in England published its first ever Women's Health Strategy in July this year.
5. Local government is already rising to the challenge. Before the strategy was published plenty of councils had started developing new programmes and working with their partners to ensure women's health is a priority in all they do.
6. The case studies show the breadth of the work going on, from Lancashire's push to create a menopause-friendly environment for staff to Newcastle's social media campaign to get hard-to-reach women to come forward for cervical screening.

Note of last Community Wellbeing Board meeting

Title:	Community Wellbeing Board
Date:	Wednesday 13 July 2022
Venue:	Smith Square 1&2, Ground Floor, 18 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

Item Decisions and actions

1 Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald, Karen Kilgour, Natasha Pantelic, Joanne Harding, Tim Swift and Mike Bell.**

Councillor James Moyies was in attendance as substitute.

Apologies were also received from Mark Norris, Principal Policy Adviser.

There were no declarations of interest.

PART B (CONFIDENTIAL)

2 Adult Social Care charging reform

The chairman invited Sarah Pickup, Deputy Chief Executive, to address the Community Wellbeing Board in confidential discussion.

PART A

The Chairman closed the confidential session and welcomed members of the Press to the meeting.

3 Mental Health Act – DHSC update

The chairman welcomed Kathy Smethurst, Deputy Director, DHSC Mental Health Directorate and Jason Brandon, Mental Health Social Work Lead, to the meeting.

Kathy gave a brief overview of the draft Mental Health Bill which had been published on 27 June 2022 and outlined the next steps in its implementation.

Members expressed a view that any new burdens on councils be fully

funded.

4 **End of Year Report**

The Chairman invited Alyson Morley, Senior Adviser, to introduce the paper which gave a high-level summary of the work undertaken by the Board in 2021/22. In particular this included work on adult social care, public health, mental health, autism, learning disabilities and integration.

Alyson explained that the Community Wellbeing Board's ongoing focus would continue to be around the LGA's corporate priorities; adult social care funding reform, integration and public health and that these areas would continue to be priorities in 2022/23.

Members stressed the importance of prevention as well as the potential importance of future vaccination strategies. Members also expressed a view to work more closely with the Children and Young People Board on Children's Health and Mental Health.

Decision

The Community Wellbeing Board agreed to note the report and priorities for the 2022/23 meeting cycle.

Action

Officers will prepare a paper for the first meeting of the Community Wellbeing Board in 2022/23 on the work plan for that year, in line with Members' discussions. Officers will arrange a joint meeting with the Children and Young People Board to agree a joint work programme.

5 **Update Paper on Other Board Business**

The Chairman invited Alyson Morley, Senior Adviser, to introduce the Update on Other Board Business paper setting out other updates relevant to the Board, and not included elsewhere on the agenda.

Members updated the Community Wellbeing Board on their work undertake on behalf of the Board at LGA Conference, on the National Suicide Prevention Advisory group and the Health Devolution Commission.

Decision

The Community Wellbeing Board agreed to note the Update Paper on Other Board Business.

6 **Decisions and actions from the previous meeting**

The Community Wellbeing Board noted the decisions and actions from the previous meeting held on 25 May 2022.

7 **Integrated Care Systems – Update on progress**

The Chairman welcomed City Regions Lead Members to the meeting.

Alyson Morley, Senior Adviser outlined the progress so far made on Integrated Care Systems and explained that the LGA was taking soundings on a regular basis through the Care and Health Improvement Advisors and Principal Advisors in the regions to pick up on intelligence and good practice. Despite concerns in some areas, it had been reported that in the majority of cases, Integrated Care Boards had gone beyond the requirement to have at least one local authority partner on their board. Alyson also highlighted the pre-implementation guidance 'Thriving Places' which the LGA had produced in collaboration with NHS England.

Members expressed concern about the impact of ICSs on Health and Wellbeing Boards as well as the cumbersome size of some ICSs, questioning how localisation of provision would be maintained. A potential lack of transparency and accountability was also raised.

Members praised the LGA for its work to remove the exemption of elected members on ICBs, which was a significant win.

Decision

The Community Wellbeing Board agreed to:

- note the progress on ICSs so far
- note the LGA policy lines on the role and purpose of local authorities and ICSs
- note the current support offer to local authorities with regard to ICSs.

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr David Fothergill	Somerset County Council
	Cllr Louise Gittins	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Deputy Chair	Cllr Sarah Osborne	East Sussex County Council
Deputy Chair	Cllr Rosemary Sexton	Solihull MBC
Members	Cllr Jonathan Owen	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
	Cllr Angela Macpherson	Buckinghamshire Council
	Cllr Louise McKinlay	Essex County Council
	Cllr Judith Wallace	North Tyneside Council
	Cllr Sue Woolley	Lincolnshire County Council
	Cllr James Moyies	Southend on Sea
	Cllr Chris McEwan	Darlington
	Cllr Sue Baxter	Bromsgrove District Council
Apologies	Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald	Peterborough City Council
	Cllr Karen Kilgour	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
	Cllr Natasa Pantelic	Slough Borough Council
	Cllr Joanne Harding	Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Rachel Blake	Tower Hamlets Council
	Cllr Timothy Swift MBE	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Mike Bell	North Somerset Council
	Mark Norris	Principal Policy Adviser
In Attendance	Kathy Smethurst	DHSE Deputy Director
	Jason Brandon	DHSE Mental Health Social Work Lead
	Cllr Gillian Ford	Havering London Borough Council
LGA Officers	Sarah Pickup	Deputy Chief Executive
	Alyson Morley	Senior Adviser
	Paul Ogden	Senior Adviser
	Kevin Halden	Adviser
	Emily Hackett	Adviser
	Laura Johnson	Public Affairs Support Adviser
	Sophia Page	Digital, Campaigns and Marketing Adviser

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