

## **Community Wellbeing Portfolio – from Cllr Izzi Seccombe (Chair)**

### **Tackling poor oral health in children: local government's public health role**

1. In April the LGA launched the [updated publication](#) on tooth decay affecting children and young people in England. This publication has been updated for 2016 following the successful transfer of commissioning responsibilities of the Healthy Child Programme for 0-5 year olds to local government in October 2015. This includes the commissioning of Health Visitors who lead and support delivery of preventive programmes for infants and children including providing advice on oral health and on breastfeeding and reducing the risk of tooth decay. Local authorities also have a statutory responsibility to provide or commission oral health improvement programmes to improve the health of the local population, to the extent that they consider appropriate in their areas.

### **Forthcoming Publication of Shared Vision of Integration**

2. On 28 April the CWB Lead Members and I had a joint meeting with the Board of NHS Clinical Commissioners to agree our key messages on the forthcoming publication of our shared vision of integration, which will be launched at the NHS Confederation Conference on 15 June.

### **Health and Adult Social Care**

3. On 16 May I co-chaired a summit that brought together colleagues from the LGA, ADASS, and leading figures from the provider sector to discuss the challenges facing adult social care. This was a valuable discussion that helped develop a shared understanding of the pressures facing providers and commissioners and considered how we might best work together on matters of mutual interest. I was joined by fellow CWB Lead Members Cllr Richard Kemp and Cllr Gillian Ford.
4. On 25 May I spoke at an Integration Workshop organised by the South East Strategic Leaders representing county councils in the South East and the South East England Councils representing district councils to help them shape their discussions on health and social care integration in their regions.

### **National Children and Adult Services Conference**

5. You can now [book your places](#) at the next National Children and Adult Services Conference, to be held in Manchester Central between 2 and 4 November 2016. Organised by the Association of Directors of Social Services (ADASS), the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS), the National Children and Adult Services Conference is regularly attended by more than 1,000 delegates. Held at Manchester Central it is vital to all with responsibilities for or interests in social care, children's services, education, health and related fields. The conference will include a mix of keynote and ministerial addresses, plenary sessions by significant players and the opportunity to participate in breakouts and for networking. The event is regularly used as a platform for policy announcements and offers the opportunity for discussions with Ministerial and shadow teams.

### **Ageing**

6. In February 2016 Cllr Gillian Ford chaired a LGA Ageing and Local Government event attended by Councillors and officers. The event heard from Lord Filkin from the Centre of Ageing Better and looked at the challenges and opportunities presented by an ageing population.

7. In May 2016 Councillor Ford spoke at the All Party Parliamentary Group on Ageing and Older People on the theme of integration and devolution.

#### **Dementia**

8. Councillor Ford has been made the co-Chair of the Public Service Prime Ministers Challenge on Dementia Champion task group. This group has representatives from the LGA, Police, Fire Brigade, Health and Ambulance Service. In April 2016 Cllr Ford attended the group's event on Dementia Friendly Communities.
9. In May 2016 Cllr Ford attended the Dementia Action Alliance Quarterly Meeting which looked at post diagnosis support.
10. The LGA has supported the launch of the Prime Minister's 2020 Dementia Challenge implementation plan, which includes actions for the LGA on further supporting Dementia Friendly Communities and a pledge on post-diagnosis support.

#### **The Armed Forces**

11. The LGA has co-commissioned with the Forces in Mind Trust, Shared Intelligence to undertake a review of local action to support the armed forces and veterans through the armed forces covenant. The initial findings of the review will be shared at the LGA annual conference and the final report with recommendations will be available in August.

#### **Mental Health**

12. The LGA held an event with Public Health England on mental health, which was attended by 250 delegates at the Oval in London. Speakers included Norman Lamb MP, Kevin Fenton from PHE and Cllr Gillian Ford from the LGA Community Wellbeing Board. Key areas of discussion were prevention of mental ill-health and the importance of children and young people's mental health services.

#### **All Party Parliamentary Groups**

13. On 20 April I have evidence at an APPG on Mental Health, and on 10 May I gave evidence at an APPG on Pharmacy and Primary Care. Further information on these can be found on the [LGA's website](#).

#### **Press Releases and Statements**

14. I have recently made public statements enforcing the LGA's positions on [NHS England's reconsideration of the decision not to fund the new HIV treatment PrEP](#), [NHS England's plan to improve GP services](#), [ONS figures on the number of deaths in 2015](#), [the need for children to drink more water](#), and [Public Health England's newly published alcohol profiles](#).

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