

Community Wellbeing Board – from Cllr Izzi Seccombe (Chair)

Autumn Statement and Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement

1. In the run up to, and following, both the 2016 Autumn Statement and the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement, I set out the LGA's position on social care funding and the organisation's views on the Government's announcements, giving interviews across national TV and radio and being quoted in the print media.

Evaluation of Integration Self-Assessment Pilots

2. The evaluation of the Integration Self-Assessment pilots has now been completed. The integration self-assessment workshops were very highly evaluated by all of the participating pilot areas and, subject to funding, this will become a core component of the Care and Health Improvement Programme support offer on integration.

Autism

3. Cllr Meldrum attended a special round table on 8 November looking in more depth at issues associated with diagnosing and supporting girls with Autism. She also chaired a very successful LGA event on Autism on 23 November.

Infant and Toddler Forum Study Day 2016: The Childhood Obesity Challenge – Prevention is Action

4. In November 2016, Cllr Jonathan McShane provided the key note address at the 2016 Infant and Toddler Forum Study Day 2016: The Childhood Obesity Challenge – Prevention is Action. The speech provided an opportunity to highlight to health and child care professionals, the different ways in which local councils across England are rising to the obesity challenge.

Workforce

5. On 18 November Cllr Jonathan McShane spoke at a session for senior HR professionals in local government and the NHS exploring the workforce challenges and solutions for effective integration of health and social care.

Supported Housing

6. The Future Funding for Supported Housing consultation was launched on 21 November, and the Community Wellbeing Board debated a paper on the issue at our last meeting. We are holding a consultation engagement event with councils on 11 January to help inform the LGA's response to the consultation. I will also be independently chairing one of four DCLG Task and Finish Groups looking at key issues in the consultation. Reports from these groups will contribute to the Government's Green Paper on Supported Housing, expected in the spring.

Disabilities

7. I gave oral evidence to the Women and Equalities Committee inquiry into disability and the built environment on 23 November, covering a number of issues including the link between the planning system, and the provision of extra-care housing.

Technology and Integration

8. I was invited to speak at a county-wide conference in Hampshire on 30 November on Technology and Integration. I was able to provide participants with a taster of the LGA's new publication on information technology: Transforming social care through the use of information technology, which was formally launched at the NCAS services conference on 2 November.

Calais resettlement completed

9. The LGA Asylum, Migration and Refugee Task Group reports to the Community Wellbeing and Children and Young People's Board. The Government has [confirmed](#) that since 10 October more than 750 children from the Calais camp have come to the UK, including approximately 200 children under the 'Dubs Amendment'. There has been tremendous local and regional as well as national leadership shown in building capacity for this group of children at pace and at scale. We continue to push for full recovery of costs and for better, more transparent and real time information. If you have any experiences or issues you would like to share for the LGA to raise with government, please email info@local.gov.uk or contact your Regional Strategic Information Partnership. Further information, including the funding available both for children and to build wider capacity, will continue to be placed on www.local.gov.uk/refugees.

Armed Forces

10. The LGA joined the MOD at the annual Armed Forces Covenant event for councils and partners on 1 December. Cllr Meldrum also met with the Shadow Defence Secretary, Nia Griffith MP, on 7 December to discuss veterans and housing. The Chairman of the LGA, Lord Porter, will be speaking in the House of Lords on Monday 9 January on the role of the Armed Forces Covenant in supporting our armed forces community.

Publications on Children's Health

11. In December 2016 I jointly launched two publications on children's health, with Cllr Richard Watts, Chair of the Children and Young People Board); [Healthy futures: supporting and promoting the health needs of looked after children](#) and [Working to support positive parenting and relationships. What can councils do?](#)

National Children and Adult Services Conference

12. LGA Community Wellbeing Board Lead Members all played an active and vital role in this year's National Children and Adult Services Conference in Manchester, 2-4 November by it through media work, chairing policy sessions, and speaking at high profile sub-plenaries. Lead Members championed the LGA's and local government's efforts in social care and health and delivered clear messages on the need to: address the funding crisis in adult social care; raise awareness of social care amongst the public; support the development of

a high quality workforce; and ensure proper and meaningful engagement with local government in the development of Sustainability and Transformation Plans.

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