

Community Wellbeing Board – report from Cllr Izzi Seccombe (Chair)

Conferences, meetings and external events

1. On 12 July I met Sajid Javid MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to discuss the forthcoming consultation on the future of adult social care and raised our serious concerns about the short and long-term financial challenges facing our sector. We also discussed the Better Care Fund and the future of health and social care integration.
2. Cllr Richard Kemp represented the LGA at a round table discussion hosted by Department of Health on 26 July. The discussion was an opportunity to seek feedback from attendees to develop the two key themes in the paper further; preventing mental illness and seeking right treatment in the right place at the right time. The green paper is due to be launched mid-Autumn.
3. In August, I wrote to Steve Brine MP, Public Health and Primary Care Minister to raise our concerns about the pressures caused by the increased demand for local authority funded sexual health services.
4. In August, Mayor Kate Allsop represented the LGA at an event marking the start of celebrations for Health Visitor Week. Mayor Allsop delivered a presentation to delegates highlighting how councils are working across health visiting, early years and children's services to provide an integrated offer of local support to improve the health and wellbeing of children 0-5 years old.
5. On 17 August, I met Sir David Behan, Chief Executive of the Care Quality Commission, to discuss the local system reviews that the Chancellor requested CQC undertake to look at the effectiveness of health and care systems in ensuring that they support older people to pass seamlessly through health and care services, and get the support they need. He was very responsive to LGA concerns regarding the timescale for the reviews, the need to assess the effectiveness of the local health and care system as a whole and the opportunities for the sector to learn from the reviews.
6. On 11 September I met the Care Minister, Jackie Doyle-Price MP to discuss adult social care funding, mental health and the forthcoming consultation on adult social care. She addressed the CWB Away Day meeting on 28 September to outline the Government's health and care priorities.
7. I also met Alex Fox, Chief Executive of Shared Lives Plus, the UK network for family-based and small-scale ways of supporting adults to discuss how we can continue to work together to promote personalisation for people with social care support needs.
8. Cllr Richard Kemp represented the Board at a number of national conferences including the NHS England Health and Care Expo in Manchester, the Commissioning in Health stage at the UK Health Show, and in October at the Kings Fund conference on learning from new models of care.
9. In September Cllr Jonathan McShane and I attended and chaired sessions at the Annual Public Health England Conference held 12-13 September at Warwick University.

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10. On 18 September I attended the MH:2K inaugural National Advisory Panel meeting. MH:2K is a youth-led project on mental health, which aims to link decision-makers with young people in their area particularly young people at risk and provide them with young people's perspectives on how to improve local mental health prevention, support and services. After a highly successful pilot in Oldham in 2016/17, the project is planning to expand to four more local areas from September 2017. Panel members provide strategic input on what learning from the project would be nationally useful and the shape of the projects' next phase as it seeks to roll out more widely across England, and potentially also Scotland and Wales.
11. I know that many of you continue to raise concerns about the threat to withhold the money allocated to councils through the Better Care Fund (BCF). Recently our Chairman, Lord Porter, and I, met with the Secretary of State for Health Jeremy Hunt where this was on the agenda. In our discussions on your behalf we continue to emphasise that the disproportionate focus on delayed transfers of care (DToC) is counter-productive and does not help support our collective endeavours to prepare for winter. We are also working to support councils who have not agreed the national DToC targets. I have invited Cabinet members for Health and Social Care and Chairs of Health and Wellbeing Boards to a summit at the National Children and Adult Services Conference to discuss how the LGA can support councils with concerns about BCF.
12. I attended this year's [National Children and Adult Services Conference](#) on 11-13 October in Bournemouth. The conference provided many opportunities to discuss issues across the spectrum of children's and adults' services and how to respond locally. Members were encouraged to share their experiences and examples throughout the event.

Lead Members visit to Greater Manchester

13. On 31 July I visited The Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership with Lead Members of the Community Wellbeing Board. Members heard from senior figures including Jon Rouse, Chief Officer of the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, and Lord Peter Smith, Wigan Council leader, as well as Greater Manchester leads for finance, primary care, social care and public health.
14. Themes from the day included the importance and benefit of place-based leadership and accountability in forging a relationship of equals with local health partners. Key points of learning included the significance of a mature political dialogue, of a dispersed leadership model to encourage widespread ownership, and of honing the partnership's priorities to bring a shared focus to developments. Greater Manchester colleagues stressed the value of transparency and communications with the public as well as stakeholders.
15. Lead members and I heard about the partnership's transformation fund, which is encouraging place-based behaviours and is enabling the development of a financial model from the bottom-up based on local partners' agreements and plans. They heard also about the challenges inherent in transforming adult social care and primary care within constrained finances and increasing demand, as well as of the challenges and success in the partnership's strategies around mental health and population health.

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Publications

16. Cllr Martin Tett and I jointly launched a [report and supporting resources](#) supporting councils to plan and deliver homes meeting the needs of our ageing population, and to integrate housing into health and social care provision. We worked with 10 councils to understand their different strategies and gained significant press attention. Over 90 delegates attended the launch event.
17. I launched a new [prospectus](#) on delivering sector-led improvement activity in 2017/18 for public health, prevention, and early intervention through the care and health improvement programme funded by the Department of Health with our partners at Public Health England and the Association for Directors of Public Health.
18. Cllr Martin Tett and I jointly launched a [briefing](#) to support local authorities in protecting and improving their population's health and wellbeing, and reducing health inequalities, by tackling homelessness and its causes.
19. Cllr Richard Watts and I jointly launched a [report](#) showcasing different approaches to supporting the health of young people. Whilst the approach and focus of the work in local areas varies, each case study provides an opportunity to reflect on what made the initiative a success and how we might use this learning in our own areas.
20. I launched the publication of a report on preventing drug related deaths. Public health budgets are being increasingly stretched. But there are plenty of examples of councils which are succeeding – and you can read about some of them in this publication. This report can be found linked [here](#).

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