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Future of health and social care

Purpose

For discussion.

Summary

This report outlines the purpose of the discussion on the future of health and social care. It is to consider and develop the LGA messages on the future of health and social care, in particular out views on two distinct but interrelated policy questions: the forthcoming Green Paper on adult social care for older people; and to review and refresh our views on the future of health and care integration.

Recommendations

That the Community Wellbeing Board Members:

1. Consider the issues raised by the speakers and discusses the key questions set out below; and
2. Discusses and begins to develop some high level Board policy messages/positions on the future of health and care, in particular messages on the forthcoming Green Paper and on the future of health and care integration.

Action

Officers to proceed as directed.

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Background

1. This paper provides the context for a general Board discussion on three distinct but related issues and initiatives under the broad banner of ‘the future of health and social care’:
 - 1.1. The forthcoming green paper for social care for older people;
 - 1.2. The future of health and social care integration; and
 - 1.3. The Institute of Public Policy Research inquiry into the future of health and care.
2. The paper also proposes some key questions to assist the Board developing clear views on the future of health and care.

Issues

Green paper on social care for older people

3. Board members will be aware that the Department of Health has been renamed the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and Caroline Dinenage MP has been appointed the Minister of State for Care. Following these changes, the responsibility for the forthcoming Adult Social Care Green Paper will be led by the DHSC.
4. The Government has restated its commitment to publishing a Green Paper on the future of care for older people by summer recess of 2018. Tom Kibasi (Director of the IPPR), an ‘independent expert’ advising the Government on the Green Paper (of which there are 12), David Pearson, and Julie Das-Thompson (Head of Policy and Delivery, NHS Clinical Commissioners) will each give their views on the key issues and challenges facing health and social care and Caroline Abrahams (Charity Director, Age UK) has been invited. This is an important opportunity for Board members to give their views to the Minister on what the forthcoming Green Paper should address.

The future of health and social care integration

5. In 2016, the LGA, NHS Confederation, NHS Clinical Commissioners and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services published a shared vision for integrated care – *Stepping up to the place: the key to successful integration*. We followed up this document with an integration self-assessment toolkit, which has formed the basis of a number of the Care and Health Improvement Programme support offers on integration, leadership development and systems-wide effectiveness. It has also been influential in shaping support offers for Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships, Better Care Fund graduation and wider policy on integration.

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6. Since publishing our shared vision, there have been changes to the health and care policy landscape that has had an impact on integration – both positive and negative. It is timely, therefore, to revisit our vision and policy messages on integration to:
 - 6.1. Assess whether our shared vision is still fit for purpose.
 - 6.2. Consider whether the key components are right.
 - 6.3. Consider the positive progress that has been made since 2016.
 - 6.4. Identify any developments that have undermined integration.
 - 6.5. Make new recommendations on national and local action, behaviours and values necessary to make significant progress on integration.
7. We have an ‘in principle’ commitment from all of the partners in *Stepping up to the plate* and from NHS Providers to work with us on the refreshed vision, to be published in summer 2018 in order to influence the Green Paper on social care for older people, and Government and NHS England policy on integration. We are, therefore, seeking the views of the Board on their key messages on the future of health and social care integration.

IPPR inquiry on the future of health and social care

8. The Lead Members of the Community Wellbeing Board have given their approval to support an Institute for Public Policy Research review of the Future of Health and Care, chaired by Lord Ara Darzi. The review will address the following questions:
 - 8.1. What is the vision for the health and care system in 2030?
 - 8.2. What is the state of quality, access and cost of care in the NHS and care system today?
 - 8.3. How do we close the gap between research and practice and implement the life sciences industrial strategy?
 - 8.4. What are the current and future funding requirements of the health and care system?
 - 8.5. What are the future funding options for the health and care system?
 - 8.6. What changes to care models should be undertaken post Five Year Forward View?
 - 8.7. What reform to the system is needed to enable this?
9. The Lead Members consider that this review is an important opportunity to influence national policy on the future of health and social care, in particular the Green Paper on

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social care for older people and on the future of integration. Tom Kibasi, Director of the Institute of Public Policy Research, will summarise the progress and interim findings so far. He is also keen for the Board to feed in their views to the Review to ensure that there is a clear and strong voice for local government.

10. Mark Lloyd, the LGA Chief Executive, is a member of the advisory panel and alongside Joanne Roney, Chief Executive of Manchester City Council represent local government.

Key questions common to all three policy areas

11. The presentation will cover the three distinct but related issues outlined in the introduction to this report. Though each will focus on a slightly different aspect of the future of health and social care, common to all of them are the following questions:
- 11.1. What is the vision for the health and care system in 2030 and beyond?
 - 11.2. What reforms are required to achieve the vision?
 - 11.3. What principles/values should underpin health and social care reform?
 - 11.4. What is the role of local government in a reformed health and social care system?
 - 11.5. What are the key opportunities and threats to the health and social care system?
 - 11.6. How should care and support be paid for in the future, including whether/how individuals should contribute to the costs of their care?
 - 11.7. How can we build political and public consensus on the reforms we believe are needed?
12. Members of the Board are requested to share their views on these key questions, which are fundamental to the future of health and social care. These views will drive the LGA's developing policy positions and messaging in this area, which will be agreed by Board Lead Members.

Implications for Wales

13. Health and social care policy are devolved to the Welsh Assembly so this paper and the proposals are not relevant to Welsh member councils.

Financial Implications

14. There are no financial implications for the LGA. The additional support offered through the CHIP programme is funded by re-prioritising within existing budgets.

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Next steps

15. The Board is requested to:

- 15.1. consider the issues raised by the speakers and discusses the key questions set out below; and
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