

Community Wellbeing Board – report from Cllr Katie Hall (Chair)

Health and Wellbeing System Improvement

1. I chaired a celebratory end-of-year event to share **Health and Wellbeing Boards' learning** on 19 March, organised by the LGA and its national health partners. Our Health and Wellbeing Systems Improvement Programme has effectively supported HWBs through a range of products and activities including 17 peer challenges and 3 peer training sessions – involving over 100 peers, 8 electronic bulletins, and 4 national events. These activities have been well received by the sector and evidenced through our on-going evaluation undertaken by Shared Intelligence. Sharing knowledge and learning has been at the heart of the programme and we look forward to working with HWBs in meeting their future challenges, building on the success of the past year with our new 2014/15 programme funded by Department Health. HWBs have established themselves well, but there is a clear recognition that the role and expectations of HWBs are becoming more ambitious, so we need to “change gear” as we move into delivering the Better Care Fund and taking the important strategic decisions for local health and care systems. Key messages from the event for HWBs are around the importance of strengthening their system leadership and being in the driving seat for health and care system transformation and in doing this putting consumer voice at the centre together with meaningful and continuous provider engagement.

Children's services

2. The LGA submitted a written response to the **Health Select Committee** inquiry into 'children's and adolescent mental health and CAMHS', reflecting the views of the joint Community Wellbeing and Children and Young People's Board held on 5 March 2014. The submission argues for children's mental health issues and services to get more attention and funding to enable sustained improvements and for longstanding barriers facing local partners to be addressed. It argues for local Health and Wellbeing boards to have the tools needed to be able to commission more integrated services and encourages new and existing commissioners within CAMHS to work closely with local authorities to improve transitions and patient experience. The inquiry is looking at concerns about the extent to which children and adolescents are affected by mental health problems and difficulties with gaining access to appropriate treatment.
3. This year's **National Children and Adult Services conference** takes place in Manchester on 29-31 October 2014 and will bring together the most senior and influential figures in children and adult services. Since the last conference in Harrogate there have been significant developments in both fields against a dominating backdrop of severe funding cuts across the public sector. Attendees will hear from a mix of keynote and or ministerial addresses and other significant plenary sessions by key players in the adult, children and healthcare sectors.
<http://www.adass.org.uk/index.php>
4. The **healthy schools, healthy citizens** conference in London will take place on 28 April and will be chaired by Councillor McShane. The conference has been designed to help local authorities and their partners from schools and the NHS to work together on their shared goals. Through a series of interactive discussions and workshops the

event will share learning and look at the levers that are available in the new health landscape to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families.

5. The **National Health Visiting Service Specification** has now been published ready for use in contracts for 2014/15. It has been updated in view of the transfer of public health commissioning for 0-5 year olds to local government on 1 October 2015. The health visiting service delivers the full Healthy Child Programme for 0-5 year olds with a focus on integrated working to improve a number of public health outcomes. The specification provides the basis for joint working between local authority commissioners, Health and Wellbeing Boards and NHS partners to plan for the transfer and build on what already exists, to commission services to ensure a smooth and safe process.

Health and Lifestyle

6. Sir Merrick and Councillor McShane attended the launch of the **Moving More, Living More campaign** in Hackney which aims to increase physical activity levels and promote lifestyle changes in the population through collaboration between central and local partners. A recent guidance document produced by the Chief Cultural & Leisure Officers Association (CLOA) also highlights the role commissioners and culture and leisure service providers can play in improving the health and wellbeing of the communities they serve.

Better Care Fund (BCF)

7. Progress continues on implementing the **Better Care Fund**, a £3.8 billion pooled budget between the NHS and local government to deliver better care for people in all Health and Wellbeing Board areas. The first draft of all 151 local plans for using the fund were submitted on 14 February 2014, with regional local government leads and NHS Area Teams leading on evaluating submissions to identify areas in need of support. Early indications are that many areas are pooling significantly more than their minimum pooled budget. The LGA has secured £2.7 million for regional ADASS leads for use across all Health and Wellbeing Boards in a region to support the BCF and Care Bill implementation.

Dementia

8. The LGA has agreed to participate in and promote the Alzheimer's Society's **Dementia Movement and Dementia Friends Champions**. Sir Merrick has given his own personal commitment to dementia and urged local leaders to do the same. This commitment includes enabling members of staff the time and support to be trained as Dementia Friends and Dementia Friends Champions. At the LGA, we will also be extending this training at our annual conference in July.
9. Councillor Gillian Ford, Deputy Chair of the Community Wellbeing board attended the **Dementia Friendly Communities Champion Group** on 6 March. Among the items discussed were plans to recognise the progress that Champions are making towards promoting dementia issues in their communities via an event on 6 May. There is also an awards ceremony on 20 May for Dementia Friendly Communities.

Learning Disability and Winterbourne View

10. On 18 March 2014, NHS England published the data returns of people with learning disabilities and autism in secure and non-secure hospital settings. The results confirmed that the hospital discharge programme is seriously adrift from the original national milestones. This sought to ensure that by June 2014 community-based care arrangements are in place for all people who do not need a hospital placement. The data, the first of its type, was collected from commissioners from NHS England and local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) and relates to the situation at the end of December. 1,932 people did not have a transfer date identified, with the largest single reason reported was a clinician's decision. The Joint Improvement Programme is seeking to support local areas to accelerate progress. More detail on what is on offer is available on the LGA website on <http://www.local.gov.uk/place-i-call-home>. The NHS data can be found on <http://www.england.nhs.uk/2014/03/18/wvc-data/>. Local leaders may wish to check whether their understanding of how many people with learning disabilities and / or autism and behaviour that challenges are currently in hospital within the local area and outside it matches the latest data from NHS England. I will also be writing to each Lead Member for Adult Services to encourage the political leaders in each area to be a key driver for change, working with their NHS partners.

Other issues

11. The **Care Bill** has nearly completed its passage through Parliament, and the Department of Health have asked for a Care Bill implementation stocktake to help get an early sense of the need for local support, and issues that are likely to be faced locally and nationally in implementing the Bill. The stocktake will provide a self-assessment tool to support local discussion and to inform the national picture. We have worked with the programme office to ensure it is light-touch and to ensure a good fit with other initiatives and tools already being used by the sector.
12. Councillor Gillian Ford attended the **All Party Parliamentary Group for Ageing and Older People** – discussions centred around funding for care homes, Dilnot and information and advice.
13. In addition Councillor Gillian Ford attended the **English Forums on Ageing Chairs** meeting to discuss local government work around the ageing agenda.
14. On 7 April Councillor Gillian Ford will attend the **All Party Parliamentary Group on housing and care for old people**. This is an opportunity for Lord Filkin, former chair of the Public Service and Demographic Change Committee and now chair of the Centre for Ageing Better, to update the APPG on the Centre's progress. The meeting also considered the issue of planning retirement housing for an ageing population.
15. I took part in a workshop in London hosted by the Medical Foundation for HIV and Mental Health (MEDFASH) on 10 February to support the development of a **National Framework for Commissioning HIV, Sexual and Reproductive Health Services**. At the event, I underlined the commitment of local government to embed public health into all of our work and highlight the joint positive work being undertaken by LGA,

10 April 2014

ADPH and PHE to make the new system work and to develop a new commissioning framework for HIV, Sexual and Reproductive Health.

Contact officer: Sally Burlington
Position: Head of Programmes
Phone no: 020 7664 3099
E-mail: Sally.Burlington@local.gov.uk