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

### **Conferences, meetings and external events**

1. On 9 May I met with Lord Gardiner, Minister for Rural Affairs to discuss health and wellbeing in rural communities.
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3. On 10 May Cllr Richard Kemp gave evidence to the Health Select Committee Inquiry into child obesity.
4. On 26 March Cllr Jackie Meldrum attended the DHSC Autism Strategy Annual accountability meeting chaired by Caroline Dineage MP.
5. Cllr Claire Wright represented the LGA at the Centre for Ageing Better review of Volunteering and Community Contribution in Later Life roundtable on 28 March.
6. Cllr Graham Gibbens represented the LGA at a roundtable discussion at Westminster hosted by Tracey Crouch MP on the vision and priorities for the national strategy on loneliness on 18 April 2018.
7. Mayor Kate Allsop attended NHS Confederation event 'Unlocking the Midlands' productivity: aligning Mental Health, Skills and Innovation' on 27 April.
8. On 14 May Cllr Graham Gibbens attended the Conservative Disability Group (CDG) 7th Annual Colloquium, hosted by Sarah Newton MP. This focussed on the opportunities for businesses to be more inclusive of disabled consumers; and the advantages of work environments which are more inclusive of disabled people.
9. In April 2018 the LGA, in partnership with the Dementia Action Alliance, published 'Dementia: Post Diagnosis Support. Guide for councils'. I wrote the foreword to this publication which showcases a number of good practice case studies by councils and partners.
10. On 28 March, Cllr Richard Kemp, Mayor Kate Allsop and I attended a Ministerial Roundtable on the Government's forthcoming care and support green paper, along with colleagues from ADASS and other sector partners.
11. On 15 May, Sarah Pickup chaired, and Cllr Linda Thomas spoke at, an LGA one day conference on the future of adult social care and support. The sold out conference involved a range of high profile speakers including Sir Amyas Morse, Baroness Ros Altmann and Andrea Sutcliffe.
12. On 15 May, Cllr Graham Gibbens attended Care England's care home parliamentary reception.
13. On 16 May, I attended a roundtable hosted by the Salvation Army exploring the social care needs of older people without housing assets. The Salvation Army intends to feed key discussion points from the roundtable into Government ahead of its care and support green paper.

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14. On 17 May, I spoke at the parliamentary Intergenerational Fairness Forum on the best way forward for developing a sustainable adult social care and support system. The IFF intends to feed key discussion points from the forum into Government ahead of its care and support green paper.
15. On 4 March I met the General Secretary and the Head of Policy of National Pensioners Convention to discuss the forthcoming Green Paper on care and support for older people and current progress on integration.
16. On 26 March and 9 April Mark Lloyd and I represented the LGA at two sessions of the Advisory Panel to Lord Darzi, who has been commissioned by the Institute of Public Policy Research to undertake an independent review into the future of health and social care. The review, which is part- sponsored by the LGA, will report in June.
17. On 26 March, I spoke at a national learning event organised by NHS England on integration of health and social care on the critical success factors for planning and delivering joined up and person-centred care and support.
18. On 10 March Cllr Linda Thomas, Deputy Chair of the Community Wellbeing Board, spoke at the King's Fund 8<sup>th</sup> National Leadership and Management Summit on the role of political leadership in driving service transformation.
19. On 15 May, the LGA Asylum, Refugee and Migration Task Group, which reports to both the Community Wellbeing board and the Children and Young People's Board, met with Meeting with the Minister of State for Immigration, Rt. Hon Caroline Nokes MP. The meeting, chaired by Cllr David Simmonds and attended by lead members across the LGA and the UK, focused on key issues on local government's role in supporting asylum seekers and refugee resettlement.
20. On 23 April Mayor Kate Allsop represented the LGA at the Community Practitioners and Health Visitors Association/UNITE SE Regional Conference.
21. On 12 March, Cllr Claire Wright attended a Ministerial roundtable to help launch Carers' Week 2018.
22. On 21 March, Cllr Graham Gibbens attended the PM 2020 Dementia Challenge Meaningful Care Group.
23. On 22 March, Mayor Kate Allsop attended the Women's Health Parliamentary Conference.
24. On 19 March, Cllr Rachel Eden attended a Shadow Home Office roundtable on mental health and policing.
25. On 25 April, I attended a roundtable hosted by the APPG on Learning Disability to launch new research into specialised supported housing for people with learning disabilities.
26. On 21 May, I gave oral evidence to the Health and Wellbeing Innovation Commission Inquiry into retirement homes and care homes.

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**Publications**

27. In March we submitted written evidence to a joint Health and Social Care and Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee inquiry on long-term funding of adult social care and support.
  
28. In May we published the first two in a five-piece series of think pieces on the future of adult social care and support. The first explored why adult social care and support matters and the second considered the importance of the local dimension to care and support. Alongside the LGA perspective, guest contributors have included: Lyn Romeo, Caroline Abrahams, Duncan Selbie, Jon Rouse and Glen Garrod. Remaining publications will look at how adult social care should be funded for the long term, the prospects for political and public consensus, and next steps to secure the sustainability of this vital service.

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