

Update on Other Board Business

Purpose of report

For information and comment.

Summary

Members to note the following updates:

- Extension of NHS seasonal influenza vaccination
- Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Making Measles History
- Sexual Health Services
- Child Obesity Plan
- Sleep-ins
- Supported Housing
- Autism Self-Assessment 2018
- Appropriate Adult provision framework published
- All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Inquiry Report into safeguarding vulnerable missing adults

Recommendations

Members of the Community Wellbeing Board are asked to:

1. **Provide oral updates** on any other outside bodies / external meetings they may have attended on behalf of the Community Wellbeing Board since the last meeting; and
2. **Note** the updates contained in the report.

Action

As directed by members.

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Extension of NHS seasonal influenza vaccination

1. In 2017 NHS England provided additional funding to support the delivery of flu immunisation for social care workers that offer direct patient/client care. NHSE have confirmed that this will continue in 2018/19 and will be extended to include health and care staff in the voluntary managed hospice sector that offer direct patient/client care. Arrangements have been put in place for the 2018/19 influenza vaccination scheme for eligible health and social care and hospice staff to be offered by GP practices and community pharmacy as part of the seasonal flu programme.
2. This scheme is intended to complement, not replace, any established occupational health schemes that employers have in place to offer the flu vaccination to their workforce. We would urge employers to continue their efforts to protect their staff and most vulnerable patients/clients by encouraging frontline social care staff to be immunised. They can do this by accessing local schemes that are already in place or, if they are eligible as they are in one of the at-risk groups or other groups identified in the annual flu letter, by going to their own GP practice or any pharmacy.
3. A suite of resources covering severe weather/winter readiness will be launched soon on the LGA website.

Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

4. NHS England is funding a major extension to the national HIV prevention programme led by Public Health England with the aim of supporting those most at risk and reducing the incidence of HIV infection. The first phase of implementation will be the launch of a large scale trial of anti-retroviral drugs for the prevention of HIV, known as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). The PrEP Impact trial continues to recruit at pace with almost 13,000 participants now recruited across 139 clinics. At the last meeting, the PrEP Oversight Board discussed the work to prepare for future commissioning arrangements. Local Commissioner and NHSE members of the PrEP Oversight Board have met and identified key issues that will need to be addressed to progress the work. NHS England and local authorities will prepare for the work by compiling a list of their respective commissioning and contracting issues on which they need to take decisions and the data they will require to inform these decisions. This will help form the basis of a planning group that will be established to undertake the work on preparing for future commissioning. The first meeting of this group met in June.

Making Measles History

5. In September we published guidance to help local authorities to respond to outbreaks of measles in their areas, and support greater uptake of the MMR vaccine.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-resources-for-local-government>

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Sexual Health Services

6. Our warnings of the pressures on councils' sexual health services as a result of record demand has received widespread coverage. Record demand for sexual health services in England has seen visits to clinics reach 3.3 million a year, putting the system under huge pressure and leaving people facing longer waits for appointments. We continue to make the case that reductions to public health funding need to be reversed, as this could affect councils' ability to meet further increases in demand and respond to unforeseen outbreaks of sexually transmitted infections

Child Obesity Plan

7. The LGA will be responding to the various consultations identified in the Child Obesity Plan. DHSC plan to publish seven consultation documents throughout the Autumn covering everything from restricting the sale of high energy drinks, calorie labelling, control of marketing to children, school food ratings and price promotions.

Sleep-ins

8. On 8 August, Unison applied for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court the Court of Appeal's decision in *Royal Mencap Society v Tomlinson-Blake*. It is anticipated that it could take at least eight weeks for the Supreme Court to determine whether or not the appeal can go ahead and if it does, the hearing may not be until the latter part of 2019. This clearly leaves us with a period of uncertainty. Following the Court of Appeal's decision, the current situation as far as compliance with the law on the National Minimum Wage is concerned, is that in the circumstances of care workers who are expected to sleep during a sleep-in shift, the minimum wage is not payable for those hours, apart from when the care worker is awake for the purposes of working.
9. We are also expecting the Government to issue updated guidance on this matter shortly. At least for now the prospect of back pay is less of a looming threat. However, with the prospect of an appeal, this may of course change again. The LGA has consistently said we support care workers being paid a fair wage and want to work with government on a sustainable funding solution for the whole social care workforce.

Supported Housing

10. On 9 August, Government announced that all types of supported housing will continue to be funded through Housing Benefit. The Government had consulted on the option of a new local grant for councils to commission short-term supported housing. Ministers also announced that it will work with providers, councils and resident representatives over the coming months to develop a robust oversight regime, ensure quality and value for money across the whole supported housing sector and carry out a review of housing related support to better understand how housing and support currently fit together.
11. The maintenance of the status quo gives providers much-needed certainty, and removes a significant new burden for councils, but we are keen to ensure strengthened local oversight to better make the links between supported housing and other local services, particularly homelessness and welfare support. We await further details on the

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Government's next phase of work. The review of support costs will be important in the context of adult social care funding pressures.

Autism Self-Assessment 2018

12. The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services are writing a joint letter with DHSC to Directors of Adult Social Services advising of the fifth autism self-assessment framework (SAF). The SAF is to be launched in September 2018. The letter asks for continued support in undertaking the self-assessment exercise and commitment to raise the awareness and equality of autistic people. The self-assessment assists and prompts local areas in reviewing how they are doing in relation to the Autism Strategy and helps them to map out their local priorities. As in previous years the information submitted will be collated and analysed by Public Health England. Responses to the exercise are asked for by Monday 10 December 2018.

Appropriate Adult provision framework published

13. The LGA Community Wellbeing Board discussed the review of the Appropriate Adult provision in 2017. In July the Home Office published the [PCC-Local Authority Partnership Agreement](#). This is a voluntary framework for collaborative working between Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and Adult Social Services in England to improve commissioning arrangements for Appropriate Adult provision. It has been developed by a range of stakeholders, including the LGA. CWB Board discussions were reported to the Home Office.
14. The Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service, Nick Hurd, has written to PCCs and Directors of Adult Social Services to draw attention to the new agreement.

All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Inquiry Report into safeguarding vulnerable missing adults.

15. The APPG for runaway and missing children and adults published its [inquiry report on vulnerable missing adults](#) in July 2018. The inquiry found that there is significant need for improved multi-agency working between local authorities, the police, NHS trusts and other support agencies. The inquiry made a number of recommendations including; all missing adults should receive an offer of help upon their return and national guidance detailing a better response for missing adults should be developed and implemented at a local level by all relevant agencies.
16. The LGA submitted a response to the APPG strategy review in 2016. LGA officers have met with the lead APPG officer to discuss the inquiry recommendations and how best to share with the sector.