**Community Wellbeing Board – from Cllr Ian Hudspeth (Chair)**

**Conferences, meetings and external events**

1. On 22 January, Cllr Richard Kemp gave evidence to the Health Committee’s follow-up inquiry on suicide prevention. Cllr Kemp highlighted that nearly every local area has a multi-agency suicide prevention plan in place, and 89 per cent of councils responded to the Association of Directors of Public Health / LGA self-assessment to help identify good practice and areas for support.
2. On 24 January  Mayor Kate Allsop, Cllr Paulette Hamilton, Cllr Richard Kemp and I met senior members of the NHS Clinical Commissioners Executive to discuss how we could continue to promote our joint messages on person-centred place based care and support, develop our joint support and improvement offer and influence the NHS Long Term Plan.
3. On 25 January 2019 Cllr Jackie Meldrum attended the national Autism Strategy Executive Group.
4. On 29 January Cllr Richard Kemp spoke at the LGA event on Transitioning between children and adult mental health services, an event held jointly with the Coalition on Children and Young People’s mental health and with the Children and Young People’s Board.
5. On 31 January Cllr Bramble and I met Andrea Leadsom, Leader of the House of Commons and Chair of the [First 1001 Days cross-party working group](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/leader-of-the-commons-to-chair-ministerial-group-on-family-support-from-conception-to-the-age-of-two), to discuss recommendations to improve support for families in the first 2 years of a child’s life.
6. On 5 February 2019 I attended Minds parliamentary event – ‘Beyond bricks: housing and mental health’.
7. On 6 February I spoke on the LGA Green Paper at the National Dementia Action Alliance conference.
8. On 7 February Cllr Robin Moss attended the Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat Steering Group chaired by Jackie Doyle-Price MP, Minister for Mental Health, Inequalities and Suicide Prevention. The Group meets once or twice a year to oversee the implementation of the Concordat; a national agreement that sets out how organisations will work together better to make sure that people get the help they need when they are having a mental health crisis.
9. On 13 February Councillor Kemp met with Jackie Doyle-Price, Minister for Mental Health, Inequalities and Suicide Prevention to discuss Suicide Prevention Plans, the Children and Young People’s Green paper and the prevention Green Paper.
10. On 13 February, Lord Porter, Chairman of the LGA, met Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health, to discuss a range of policy and funding issues central to the future sustainability of adult social care and public health.
11. On 13 February, Cllr Richard Kemp met Jackie Doyle Price MP, Suicide Prevention Minister, and Jim McManus, Vice-President Association of Directors of Public Health, to discuss suicide prevention, the forthcoming Prevention Green Paper, and the Children and Young People’s Mental Health Green Paper. They urged the Minister to confirm funding for the suicide prevention sector-led improvement offer and the Minister was keen to hear our proposals for prevention and children’s mental health.

**Publications and correspondence**

1. In January we published [National Child Measurement Programme: a briefing for elected members](https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/1.79%20National%20child%20measurement%20programme_03.pdf) to share how councils are helping children to achieve a healthy weight and lifestyle.
2. In January, the LGA submitted a response to the Defence Committee inquiry into the Armed Forces Covenant Annual Report 2018, examining progress for service personnel, veterans and their families.
3. In February I responded to the latest delayed transfers of care figures published by NHS England, my response can be found [here](https://www.local.gov.uk/about/news/lga-responds-latest-delayed-transfers-care-figures-11).
4. I responded to a report by Key on care funding, emphasising that Government must address in its Green Paper on social care and in the [forthcoming Spending Review](https://www.local.gov.uk/spending-review-2019), the response can be found in full [here](https://www.local.gov.uk/about/news/lga-responds-report-key-care-funding).
5. I responded to the childhood obesity trailblazer announcement in January. The Childhood Obesity Trailblazer Programme sees 13 local authorities from across the country shortlisted from a total of 102 applications to trial new approaches in their communities, with a particular focus on reducing the ‘deprivation gap’. My full response can be found in full [here](https://www.local.gov.uk/about/news/lga-responds-childhood-obesity-trailblazer-announcement).
6. I responded to the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health’s State of Child Health: Two Years On report. My response can be found [here](https://www.local.gov.uk/about/news/lga-responds-rcpch-state-child-health-report).
7. I responded to an announcement by NHS England about funding for the expansion of the PrEP Impact Trial to 26,000 participants by 2020, which can be found [here](https://www.local.gov.uk/about/news/lga-responds-nhs-funding-expansion-prep-trial).

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