

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

### **Adult Social Care**

1. The LGA in partnership with Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS), NHS England, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) have developed '[Safeguarding Adults – Roles and Responsibilities in Health and Care Services](#)'. Part of the LGA Adults Safeguarding programme, this document sets out how individuals and organisations should work together to prevent abuse and neglect and to ensure the safety and well-being of anyone who has been affected.
2. Poor care, neglect and abuse are all part of the same problem and addressing this locally requires action from anyone involved in looking after those who need care. The document highlights the importance of local partners working together including councils, CQC, health and the police to keep people safe and outlines the practical opportunities there are to do so.

### **Better Care Fund (BCF)**

3. It was reported that the **Better Care Fund** had been delayed. Whilst it is true that many areas will want to continue to develop plans to ensure they are financially robust and aligned with wider NHS plans, it is not the case that the implementation of the BCF has been delayed. This was confirmed by subsequent DCLG and DH press releases. We will be communicating with local areas over the coming weeks to offer further support where needed and to explain the timeline from now through to September. Feedback from local areas to date illustrates the challenges which partners are facing in developing agreed, detailed, robust plans which are ambitious in transforming local systems. But every local area is participating and there is evidence that the Better Care Fund is driving positive change right across the country. Sir Merrick spoke at the King's Fund event on 3 June to set out the need for a longer term vision for the Better Care Fund. You can find his speech at [insert weblink].

### **Dementia**

4. A video was launched on 23 May by Sir Merrick asking for a call-to-action for council leaders to support their local communities to become more dementia- friendly. It includes examples of areas of where local councils have actively signed up to becoming more dementia-friendly and are working with local partners to enable people living with dementia to live more fulfilling and rewarding lives and feel more included in their local communities. [http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/adult-social-care/-/journal\\_content/56/10180/6206530/ARTICLE](http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/adult-social-care/-/journal_content/56/10180/6206530/ARTICLE)
5. On 6 May Cllr Gillian Ford attended the **Dementia Action Alliance** at which there were a number of speakers including Dr Peter Carter, CE, GS Royal College of Nursing Dementia, who believed that services needed to be configured for carers and individuals. The event also included a group activity which looked at understanding the support needed to care for people with dementia. On 20 May Councillor Ford

presented an award at the national dementia friendly awards ceremony, to the winners of the schools and colleges category. Other award presenters included Jeremy Hunt, Nick Hurd and Jeremy Hughes. The event was hosted by Angela Rippon.

### **Care Bill**

6. Councillor Gillian Ford, Deputy Chair of the Community Wellbeing board attended the event **Care Bill Implementation for the operation of the residential care market** on 9 May. The event discussed current issues with England's residential care market, and explored how the Care Act, due to be implemented from 2015, might affect the operation of this market and the implications for providers, users and local authorities.
7. On 8 May Councillor Gillian Ford attended a roundtable event on how **free social care at end of life** will work in practice. The focus was on the implementation and how this would work in practice. The roundtable heard from a pilot programme called the Liverpool Star Care model that developed as people wished to end life at home.
8. The joint **Care Bill Programme Management Office (PMO)** which has been set up to support local areas in implementing the Care Act and associated reforms, has sent out a stocktake to all local areas to develop a picture of how localities are preparing for the reforms across the country. The Programme Office is also seeking examples from local authorities of emerging local practice which supports Care Act implementation and examples of local implementation tools that are being used to support change.
9. The Care Bill has now completed its passage through parliament and received Royal Assent and is now the Care Act 2014. Consultation on the regulations and guidance is expected to commence during the week of 2 June and run until early August. The LGA will analyse the consultation and provide a full response. The Community Wellbeing Board will be discussing implementation of the Care Act at its meeting on 23 July, with contributions from the President of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services and the Director General Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships from the Department of Health.

### **Learning Disability and Winterbourne View**

10. On 16 May NHS England published the second set of quarterly data regarding people with learning disabilities and autism in secure and non-secure hospital settings collected on 31 March. There is now robust and detailed quarterly data for this group of people which should allow local leaders to measure progress on ensuring a rapid reduction in hospital placements for people with learning disabilities and/or autism with challenging behaviours. These data indicate that, on 31 March, there was a total of 2,615 patients, 256 of which have a date by which they will be transferred.

### **Other issues**

11. Cllr Ford attended a **Care Quality Commission** breakfast meeting with key stakeholders on Wednesday 9 April. This discussed the changes CQC wishes to make on how it regulates and inspects services, including the role of the Chief Inspectors and more specialist inspection teams, including members of the public. The LGA has provided a joint response to the CQC consultation on its proposed inspection framework, based on feedback from the meeting.

12. On 30 April the LGA held the second of our high-level roundtable discussions on the challenges and opportunities of the **integration agenda**. Organised in partnership with the NHS Confederation and PPL Consulting, the chairs of Health and Wellbeing Boards and CCGs discussed with key opinion formers in health policy how system leaders can drive the integration agenda at local level. Their discussions will inform the support to local areas provided by the HWB System Improvement Programme.
13. Councillor McShane was a keynote speaker at the Chief Medical Officer's conference in London on [Date]. The event focused on Influencing at local level in particular the public health role of local authorities and the role of the DPH within this.
14. On 20 June 2014, thousands of **UK care homes** will be opening their doors to welcome the public, connect residents with their local communities, and change perceptions of care homes for good. For further information go to <http://www.nationalcarehomeopenday.org.uk/>
15. 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>
16. The healthy schools, healthy citizens conference in London took place on 28 April and was chaired by Councillor McShane. The conference explored how local authorities and their partners from schools and the NHS worked together on their shared goals. There were a series of interactive discussions and workshops which shared learning and looked at the levers that are available in the new health landscape to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families.

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