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

Conferences, meetings and external events

Reform and funding of adult social care

1. On 23 October, LGA Chairman, Cllr James Jamieson, and I met the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock, to discuss a range of issues, with long term funding for adult social care and public health, and the Government's commitment in the Queen's Speech to bring forward proposals to reform adult social care, high on the agenda.

Public health

2. On 21 October I met with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Prevention, Public Health and Primary Care, Jo Churchill, and discussed the vital contribution of public health to the Government's prevention agenda.

NHS Assembly

3. On 5 September I attended the NHS Assembly at the NHS Expo in Manchester

The role of the voluntary sector in health and wellbeing

4. On 15 July Cllr Richard Kemp contributed to a panel discussion on the role of voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE) in helping councils address their financial challenges at a national event organised by University of Sheffield, DCMS, and Bristol and Plymouth councils.
5. On 30 July, Cllr Claire Wright represented the CWB at an NHS England national workshop on the role of VCSE in integrated care systems.

Childhood obesity

6. On July 17th, I chaired our annual conference on childhood obesity, showcasing innovative whole council approaches to tackling childhood obesity and sharing the latest research and findings from experts. Over 90 delegates attended.

Scrutiny of health services

7. On 18 July, I gave the keynote plenary address at the Centre for Public Scrutiny national conference on health scrutiny and assurance.
8. On 9 October, Cllr Richard Kemp took part in a panel discussion on autonomy and accountability of NHS providers at the NHS Providers annual conference in Manchester.

Housing and health

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9. Councillor Linda Thomas spoke at a King's Fund conference on housing and health on 26 September.

Suicide Prevention

10. Councillor Richard Kemp attended the National Suicide Prevention Advisory Group on 21 October.

Autism

11. Cllr Jackie Meldrum attended the Autism Strategy Executive Group on 13 September.

Integrated commissioning

12. On 19 September I took part in a panel discussion on the local government role in integrated commissioning at the Health Service Journal Integrated Care Summit.

CWB Away Day

13. On 27 September the CWB had its annual away day, an informal meeting of the board in which we hear from leaders in health, wellbeing and adult social policy. This year, we had a strong showing from a wide range of speakers including, Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive of Public Health England and Julie Ogle, President of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services.

Children and Young People's Mental Health

14. The Board, alongside the Safer and Stronger Communities and Children & Young People Boards have set up a steering group on children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing, which has now met twice. They will help to shape and develop a strong position for the LGA on how councils can improve the mental health of this age group. ISOS Partnerships have been commissioned to undertake the research, including carrying out field visits to councils up and down the country. We hope to see the findings launched at this year's National Children and Adult Services Conference.

Media

15. The following is a selection of some of the media releases we have put out over the last few months covering the Board's remit:
 - 15.1. We responded to the [NHS digital report into rising social care requests](#)
 - 15.2. We responded to the [Health Foundation report on young people's future health](#)
 - 15.3. We commented on the [Care Quality Commission State of Care report](#) and the [Queen's Speech social care announcement](#)

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- 15.4. We highlighted the work of local [Adult social care services in helping cut half a million unnecessary hospital bed days](#) in the last two years.
- 15.5. We responded to the [National Child Measurement Programme statistics on overweight and obese children](#) and [Chief Medical Officer's report on childhood obesity](#)
- 15.6. We commented on the [Action on Smoking and Health \(ASH\) report on extra social care costs for smokers](#)
- 15.7. [Response to latest childhood vaccination coverage statistics](#)
- 15.8. We commented on the [Defence Committee Report into Armed Forces support 'shortcomings'](#)
- 15.9. We responded to the [Independent Age report on free personal care for older people](#) and the [Carers UK report on unpaid carers](#)
- 15.10. We called on the Government to [expand the £210m NHS nurses' training fund to include public health workers](#)
- 15.11. [All-Party Parliamentary Group on Autism report calls for better support and services for people with autism in England.](#)
- 15.12. We responded to the latest Government statistics on [suicide](#) , [HIV](#) , [drug-related deaths](#) and [tuberculosis](#).
- 15.13. We responded to the [evidence based review into NHS Health Checks by the Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock.](#)
- 15.14. We responded to [Prime Minister Boris Johnson's announcement that the NHS will receive a cash injection of £1.8 billion.](#)
- 15.15. We responded to the [National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidelines aimed at improving the wellbeing of unpaid adult carers.](#)
- 15.16. We responded to the [Prime Minister's announcement on creating a new Office for Veterans' Affairs.](#)
- 15.17. We issued a press release warning about the [increase in the use of image and performance enhancing drugs](#)
- 15.18. We responded to the [publication of the Government's green paper on prevention.](#)
- 15.19. We issued a press release highlighting the LGA's analysis which shows that the [number of children and young people being treated for Type 2 diabetes has rocketed by nearly 50 per cent in just five years](#)
- 15.20. We responded to the [Public Health England announcement that the HPV vaccine will be extended to boys from September 2019.](#)

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- 15.21. We responded to [new analysis by the Alzheimer's Society](#) on how much people with dementia have had to pay for their care since the social care green paper was first announced in March 2017.
- 15.22. We publicised the [LGA report which highlights how health and wellbeing boards are making a real difference](#) through a wide range of initiatives, including reducing hospital admissions and time spent in hospital, reducing demand for GP appointments, helping thousands of smokers to quit, imposing restrictions on fast food outlets near schools, and reducing unemployment, poverty and poor housing.

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