

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

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

1. Nearly 850 delegates attended this year's NCAS Conference in Bournemouth in November, with councillors and lead members from the Board participating in a range of sessions. Despite the programme needing substantial change as a result of the general election, the event still provided opportunities to share local innovation, reflect on current issues in adult social care and to identify what the Board's priorities for working with the new government both immediately and in the long term could be. Presentations from the event are available at <https://ncasc.info/ncasc19/>.
2. On 31 October Cllr Paulette Hamilton represented the Community Wellbeing Board at the NHS Clinical Commissioners members' event. She took part in a stimulating panel discussion on the role of integrated care systems and made a strong case for councillors and health and wellbeing boards having a prominent leadership role.
3. On 5 December I attended the NHS Assembly – I am an Assembly member in a private capacity. We had interesting discussions about how to make the NHS a great place to work and the future of general practice.
4. In December, I was invited to hear Matt Hancock's four priorities for the new decade. He gave a strong commitment to making the 2020s the decade of prevention. He underlined the importance of people in the NHS and reiterated the Conservative manifesto commitments to money to recruit and retain more nurses. He also highlighted his commitment to investing in health infrastructure, including upgrading existing facilities and building new ones. His fourth priority is harnessing the potential of technology to maximise people's health. I look forward to working with him to take forward the Government commitment to brokering a cross-party consensus on the future of adult social care – an issue that featured prominently in the election campaign.
5. The [Queen's Speech](#) laid the Government's ambitious legislative agenda for the next two years. Foremost among the many announcements is a commitment to additional funding for adult social care and the NHS, the reform of adult social care and legislation to help implement the NHS Long Term Plan. The Government also announced plans to reform the Mental Health Act to give people a stronger say in their treatment, additional funding to improve community provision for people with a learning disability and/or autism, introduce leave entitlement for unpaid carers and new support for Armed Forces veterans. We look forward to working with the Government to ensure that their change agenda for health, care and wellbeing is accompanied by adequate resources, a joined up approach across the care and health workforce, and a whole system shift in focus to prevention and supporting wellbeing in order to reduce the need for more intensive or acute support.

### **Publications and correspondence**

6. In October 2019, the Local Government Association (LGA) and National Association of Local Councils (NALC) published a jointly produced guide called 'Reaching Out' outlining how principal and local councils can make a difference in tackling loneliness. It had a joint introduction by Councillor Hudspeth and Councillor Sue Baxter, Chair of NALC. It was launched at the NALC Conference by Cllr Jamieson.

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7. In October 2019, the LGA Lead Members recommitted to [Making it Real \(MiR\)](#) - a framework to support personalised care and support. MiR is an easy to use, jargon-free set of personalised principles that focus on what matters to people receiving care and support. MiR is built around six themes that describe 'what good looks like' from an individual's perspective - and what organisations should be doing to live up to those expectations. It supports co-production between people, commissioners and providers. MiR has been co-produced by Think Local Act Personal (TLAP) and the Coalition for Collaborative Care, with input from partners, organisations and individuals, including the National Co-production Advisory Group.

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