

29 January 2020

Update on Other Board Business

Purpose of report

For information and comment.

Summary

Members to note the following updates:

- **Adult Social Care**
- **LGA/ADPH Annual Public Health Conference and Exhibition**
- **HIV Prevention**
- **Whole System Approach to Obesity**
- **Alcohol Treatment**
- **Loneliness**
- **Vaccine Strategy**

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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Adult Social Care

1. We were pleased to hear the Prime Minister pledge to bring forward a plan for adult social care this year, with a view to reforming the system over the course of this Parliament. This provides an opportunity to take forward some of the key recommendations of councils in our own social care green paper. It was therefore timely that our Chairman and Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Chairman of our Community Wellbeing Board, met with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock recently to press the case for involving councils and the LGA in the proposed reforms of adult social care. We want to work with the Government to help secure a longer-term, cross-party solution and continue to promote the vital role councils play in improving lives and relieving pressures on other services.

LGA/ADPH Annual Public Health Conference and Exhibition

2. Our annual flagship conference and exhibition on public health will explore and build on the challenging, innovative work being undertaken by councils and public health teams with their partners and local communities. Local authorities and their partners continue to make progress on improving health and wellbeing and tackling health inequalities. They work together in new, diverse and innovative ways to protect and improve the nation's health, despite stark financial challenges.
3. Speakers:
 - 3.1. **Professor Chris Whitty**, Chief Medical Officer for England
 - 3.2. **Jo Bibby**, Director of Health, Health Foundation
 - 3.3. **Duncan Selbie**, Chief Executive, Public Health England
 - 3.4. **Tim Loughton MP**, East Worthing and Shoreham MP and Chair of First 1001 Days APPG
 - 3.5. **Anna Quigley**, Research Director, Ipsos Mori
 - 3.6. **Michael Wood**, Head of Health Economic Partnerships, NHS Confederation
 - 3.7. **Professor Chloe Orkin**, Consultant Physician, Barts Health NHS Trust
 - 3.8. **Dr Gary Fuller**, Senior Lecturer – Air Quality Measurement, Kings College London

HIV Prevention

4. Local government has played a key role in helping to reduce the number of new diagnoses of HIV - and the roll-out of the HIV drug PrEP in 2020 could help us to reduce infection further.
5. PrEP will be made routinely available via your local authority-commissioned sexual health service. In December we published a set of frequently asked questions to help answer many of the questions local commissioners and councillors may have about the move to the routine commissioning of PrEP.
6. We continue to push for there to be a clearly agreed process with sufficient funding to cover all the additional service costs that will be incurred by local authorities.

Whole System Approach to Obesity

7. The LGA collaborated with Public Health England (PHE) to develop a practical guide and resources to support local areas to put in place a whole system approach to tackling obesity. The resource aims to support system thinking and tips for engaging key stakeholders.

Alcohol Treatment

8. Every year 76,000 people enter treatment for alcohol problems with another 28,000 helped for a dual diagnosis of drugs and alcohol misuse. To tackle this, councils are pioneering new ways of engaging people. In November we showcased local examples of local action to support alcohol misuse. There are examples of services that provide a wide range of support to clients, incorporating social care and housing with training and mental health therapy.

Loneliness

9. The government has published the first [annual report](#) on tackling loneliness, updating on progress since the publication of the cross-government Loneliness Strategy in October 2018. The report highlights the many ways in which local government helps to tackle loneliness and how the LGA is supporting councils. This includes the '[Reaching Out](#)' guide on tackling loneliness we produced with the National Association of Local Councils and our work with government on open data pilots that are investigating ways of collecting information about what activities and services are locally available to address loneliness.

Vaccine Strategy

10. While uptake for most childhood immunisations is at more than 90 per cent, there has been a significant decline in coverage in the last few years with the UK losing its 'measles-free' status with the World Health Organisation, three years after the virus had been eliminated in the country.
11. The Government's vaccination strategy was first announced in the Prevention green paper last summer and was delayed due to the General Election. It is expected to include proposals, such as greater use of technology to identify missed vaccinations and make booking appointments easier, improving GP capacity to accept more vaccination appointments and developing a major new awareness campaign.
12. On Friday 24 January the LGA issued a press release calling on the Government to urgently publish their vaccination strategy and to give greater oversight and accountability to councils in order to boost vaccine uptake. In tandem we released a new LGA publication showcasing how councils are already finding innovative ways of raising immunisation levels in their communities, including reaching out to those most in need or at risk. The publication was produced in response to the Children and Young People and Community Wellbeing Board joint lead members meeting in November.