

## Community Wellbeing Board – from Cllr Ian Hudspeth (Chairman)

### Conferences, meetings and external events

1. On 21 January, Cllr Ed Davie attended the National Suicide Prevention Advisory Group, co-chaired by the Minister for Patient Safety, Suicide Prevention and Mental Health. The meeting was an opportunity to update on the LGA / Association of Directors of Public Health suicide prevention programme, which is supporting councils to further strengthen local actions to prevent suicide.
2. On 25 February, Cllr Richard Kemp CBE spoke at the launch of Public Health England's mental health framework. Cllr Kemp highlighted councils' role tackling the wider determinants of mental health and the importance of a system wide focus on prevention.
3. In February 2020, Cllr Richard Kemp CBE spoke at the Centre for Ageing Better debate 'How can local leadership deliver better later lives for us all?' He outlined the key role of councillors and local councils in promoting healthy ageing.
4. In February 2020 I spoke at the Health Foundation's launch of their report *Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review 10 Years On*. He outlined the key role for councils in tackling health inequalities and the importance of reinvesting in early help and prevention.
5. In February I chaired the *End of Smoking London & South East*, which is aiming to support local authorities to meet the Government's challenging target to end smoking in England by 2030.
6. The [LGA Asylum, Refugee and Migration Task Group](#) reports to both the Children and Young Peoples Board and Community Wellbeing Boards. Cllr Simmonds has stood down as the Chairman of the Group since becoming an MP. Lead Members of both Boards have agreed that the Chairman become Cllr Simon Blackburn, chair of the SSC Board. Given the range of issues covered by the Group, it will also have a Vice Chairman; Cllr Roger Gough, Leader of Kent. The Task Group has four lead members from the LGA Groups, alongside Councillors and officers from each region and devolved administration.

### Publications and correspondence

7. In February I wrote an article for First magazine on *Levelling Up*, outlining the key role that local authorities play in addressing health inequalities across the country.
8. Since the last Forum, I have commented on the following LGA press releases and external communications on behalf of the Board;
  - 8.1. [Responding to the Coronavirus Action Plan;](#)
  - 8.2. [Responding to the CQC report on promoting sexual safety in adult social care;](#)
  - 8.3. [Responding to Dame Carol Black's drug misuse report;](#)
  - 8.4. [Responding to the Marmot Review: 10 years on report;](#)
  - 8.5. [Responding to the Cancer Research UK report on 2030 smokefree target;](#)

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- 8.6. [Responding to the State of Health Visiting Survey;](#)
- 8.7. [Responding to the Care England report on social care fees;](#)
- 8.8. [Warning that councils' already overstretched public health budgets - which have been reduced by £700 million in real terms between 2015 and 2020 - will struggle to meet this commitment unless government provides a guarantee to meet any extra and unforeseen costs of providing the drug;](#)
- 8.9. [Responding to STIs report; and](#)
- 8.10. [Responding to the ASH report on number of children who start smoking every day.](#)

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