

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

### **Adult Social Care**

1. On 27 May, LGA Chairman Sir Merrick Cockell attended an informal dinner hosted by the **Nuffield Trust** for national stakeholders and opinion formers to meet Simon Stevens, the new Chief Executive of NHS England to discuss the future of health and care.
2. On 3 June, Sir Merrick, spoke at a **King's Fund** event on the pressures facing health and adult social care where he outlined how the scale of the funding cuts to local government overall, combined with demographic pressures, has put the adult social care budget under extreme pressure. He called for a bigger Better Care Fund, supported by a transformation fund to help ease the impact of such a change. Looking to the future, Sir Merrick highlighted the importance of the integration between health and social care, with Health and Wellbeing Boards taking a lead role in the commissioning of local health and social care services.
3. On the 4th June I attended the care and transformation board at the department of health where we debated some of the challenging issues for implementation of the care act, including the new information and advice duties which will be placed on councils.
4. Carolyn Downs took part in a panel discussion in the future of health and social care integration with Norman Lamb and other senior figures at the NHS Confederation Annual Conference on 5 June.
5. The LGA is working with ADASS to understand the implications of the Cheshire West Supreme Court Judgement. We are seeking an urgent meeting with the Department of Health to discuss how to manage these pressures and the very significant cost implications for social care services.
6. Cllr Gillian Ford attended the Planning for Care Roundtable of the APPG for ageing and older people on 18 June and an Ageing Well, Public Health Perspective workshop on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
7. The Local Government Association and NHS Confederation have outlined their shared ambition for health and social care integration in a new report ***All Together Now: The future of integration***. The report will be used to engage partners and key influencers who work in health and social care to gain support for a joint action plan that will significantly develop how integration is rolled out at national level.
8. The report outlines a common vision for the future of the integration of health and social care and identifies the current barriers that councils and the NHS are facing and highlights what government needs to do to incentivise and promote integration.
9. Over the coming weeks and months we will be developing our proposals of what the NHS Confederation and LGA can do as national membership organisations

representing the NHS and local government, to support local political, clinical and community leaders to outline long-term plans for integration. We would be interested in hearing your views on the proposals. The publication is available at: INSERT WEBLINK. Please contact [Alyson.morley@local.gov.uk](mailto:Alyson.morley@local.gov.uk) for more information.

### Better Care Fund

10. On 28 May, Carolyn Downs had an introductory meeting with Simon Stevens, Head of the NHS, at which they discussed the Better Care Fund, the LGA's longer term vision for integration and our ambitions for the redesign of the health and social care landscape.
11. Following a joint meeting on 16 June, ministers have reiterated their commitment to the BCF programme, and set out a revised approval process. The LGA expects that this will include NHS England and the Department of Health asking for more detail about planned schemes. The LGA understands also that, given the hard work local areas have put into their plans, some local plans will already include the necessary detail and will not therefore need further health and wellbeing board approval. The additional information will be collected via a data collection template which will be issued soon, and which the LGA believes will be required to be submitted by early August. The ministers intend to release a joint letter imminently, which will provide further details, and the LGA will share any further information as it becomes available

### Dementia

12. On 17 July, the LGA welcomed the launch of the Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friendly Technology Charter, which aims to help people with dementia live at home for longer. Cllr Ford had been very active in the development of this charter. It aims to improve access to life-changing technology including products and home modifications for people living with dementia. It aims to bring to the attention of those providing technology, commissioners of services, health and care practitioners and people living with dementia and their carers the benefits that technology can bring alongside the full range of technologies that are available to ensure that these are used to complement the personal care and support that people need.

### Care Act 2014

13. The Care Act received Royal Assent on 14 May and the LGA will shortly be publishing its '**Get In On The Act**' publication, which will provide an overview of the legislation and the issues the LGA lobbied on during the Bill's passage through Parliament. Following Royal Assent, attention now turns to the detail behind the legislation. The consultation on the regulations and guidance accompanying the Act was launched on 6 June and will run until 15 August. The LGA will analyse the consultation and provide a full response. At the July Community Wellbeing Board we plan to discuss progress with the work to prepare for implementation of the Act in 2015, including key risks and adequacy of funding.
14. The joint Care Act Programme Management Office (comprising LGA, ADASS and the Department of Health) is working closely with the sector to support local areas prepare for implementation of the Act in 2015. The PMO is involved in a range of work including

a 'stocktake' of local authorities' preparedness for implementation, the development of emerging best practice in implementation, and the sharing of tools being used to support the change programme."

### **Learning disability and Winterbourne View**

15. Bill Mumford, Programme Director of the Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme attended the Community Well Being Board on 11 June. The Board considered key issues in ensuring progress and discussed how local leaders could drive forward change locally.

### **PHE Health and Wellbeing Framework**

16. Councillor Jonathan McShane chaired the **Public Health System Group** on 15 May. The group heard presentations on the new Health and Wellbeing Framework for England being developed by PHE as well as their new business plan. Proposals are in place for the first PH Joint Steering Group Stakeholder Forum to be held on June 24th.

### **Regional Physical Activity Senior Leadership Forum**

17. UKactive, Public Health England, the Local Government Association and the County Sports Partnership Network have announced the establishment of Moving More, Living More regional physical activity fora across England.
18. Addressing physical inactivity is a national and local priority not least because the economic and social impacts of low levels of physical activity include an estimated £2 billion annual cost to the country.
19. Key issues to be addressed include:
  - 19.1 Understanding how low levels of physical activity drive poor outcomes and service costs (NHS, local authority and voluntary sector) in local communities;
  - 19.2 Identification of evidence based interventions that effectively address low levels of physical activity in individuals and communities, including peer-to-peer learning;
  - 19.3 Enabling local needs, knowledge and intelligence to inform national developments, tools and resources, to ensure they support local action; and
  - 19.4 Developing opportunities for cross-sector partners at national, regional and local levels to explore and plan strategic collaborations that will deliver change.

### **Health and Housing**

20. In July the LGA will launch a resource describing how public health teams in a number of councils have started to use their new local government settings to improve health and wellbeing. Case studies in the resource were chosen because they demonstrate a

range of ways in which public health teams, embedded in councils, are approaching health and housing challenges. They include councils spread across England, covering both rural and urban environments and with varying levels of deprivation and affluence.

#### **Other issues**

21. The LGA and the Centre for Public Scrutiny have published a Councillors Guide to help them support residents who wish to make a complaint about a health or social care service. It provides basic information and sources of further advice to aid councillors in their case work and signposting to other agencies. The LGA and CfPS are committed to supporting councils to improve the accessibility, responsiveness and transparency of local complaints systems and this guide will help councillors have a better understanding of what they can do. 'Advising Residents about Health and Adult Social Care Complaints: A Guide for Councillors' is available at:

[http://www.local.gov.uk/care-support-reform//journal\\_content/56/10180/6301395/ARTICLE](http://www.local.gov.uk/care-support-reform//journal_content/56/10180/6301395/ARTICLE).

22. Finally, this year's Leadership Essentials events are underway. The first took place on 24 and 25 June 2014 with further events planned for 14 and 15 October and 13 and 14 November 2014 at the Warwick Conference Centre in Coventry. Supporting HWB and adult social care portfolio holders chairs is a central objective of our 2014/15 Health and Wellbeing System Improvement programme. These events, led by LGA peers who are HWB chairs, provide an opportunity for chairs and vice-chairs to come together to have space to think and reflect, share experiences, network and actively learn from each other through the tried and tested two-day residential Leadership Academy model.

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