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

**Public health**

1. In July Councillor Sue Woolley chaired two LGA webinars in our Healthy Recovery Series: Alcohol and Covid-19 and Tackling Obesity during Covid-19.
2. On 30 July the Community Wellbeing Board and Children and Young People’s Board wrote to Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom to offer their support for the review into disadvantaged 0-2 year olds and to share best practice from local government.
3. On 15 September Councillor Louise Gittins chaired the LGA webinar Health in All Policies: Leading place to tackle the wider determinants of health.
4. I contributed to the Institute of Health Visiting report Making History: Health Visiting during Covid-19 which was launched on 10 September.

**Asylum seekers**

1. On 22 September Cllr Nick Forbes, Chair, and Cllr Roger Gough, Vice-Chair, met with Chris Philps MP, minister with responsibility for immigration, with other LGA lead members and regional representatives on LGA Asylum, Refugee and Migration Task Group to discuss joint work across local and central government on supporting adult and child asylum seekers.

**Mental health and suicide prevention**

1. On 9 July, Cllr Richard Kemp attend the National Suicide Prevention Strategy Advisory Group and updated Ministers and attendees on how councils are supporting people’s mental health and wellbeing during the pandemic.
2. On 7 August, I launched [Our Place](https://www.centreformentalhealth.org.uk/publications/our-place), new research about how councils are promoting positive mental wellbeing and preventing mental health problems, including early learning from the pandemic.
3. On 13 August, the Children and Young People’s Board and Community Wellbeing Board wrote a joint letter to DfE and DHSC Ministers making the case for councils’ role moving us away from focussing solely on mental ill health to a locally led focus on helping everyone to stay mentally well.

**Public Affairs**

1. On 26 August I provided evidence to the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Coronavirus.
2. On 10 September the Board’s Deputy Chair, Councillor Richard Kemp spoke at the APPG on Sexual and Reproductive Health, responding to the launch of the report Women’s Lives, Women’s Rights: Strengthening Access to Contraception Beyond the Covid-19 Pandemic.
3. On 23 September, Cllr Richard Kemp attended the Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention APPG at which a [report](https://www.samaritans.org/appg/) on young people and self-harm was launched.
4. On 28 September I spoke at a joint meeting of the APPGs on Devolution, on Adult Social Care, and on Longevity, which looked at the reform of adult social care. Several senior parliamentarians including Rt Hon Damian Green MP were in attendance at the event, which focussed on the priorities for social care reform.
5. On 3 October I spoke at Conservative Party Conference at an event on volunteering and adult social care.

**Health and care integration**

1. On 12 October, I co-chaired with Lord Victor Adebowale (Chair of the NHS Confederation) a roundtable discussion with NHS and local government leaders on the future of health, care and wellbeing.

**Ageing**

1. On 17 September I chaired a LGA webinar on Healthy and productive ageing. On the panel were Sir Muir Gray, Director of the Optimal Ageing Programme and Alison Giles, Associate Director of the Centre for Ageing Better.

**Adult social care**

1. On 27 July, Cllr Richard Kemp chaired ‘Reset, not restart: shaping the future of social care in light of Covid-19’. This virtual conference involved contributions from the Care Minister, Helen Whately and ADASS President, James Bullion. The conference explored the lessons from Covid-19 that need to be carried forward into thinking about the future of care and support reform. The event was very well attended.

**Publications and correspondence**

1. Since the last Forum, I have commented on the following LGA press releases and external communications on behalf of the Board:
   1. [LGA Responds to CQC State od Care report](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-cqc-state-care-report-0)
   2. [LGA responds to NHS Providers report on State of Providers survey](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-nhs-providers-report-state-providers-survey)
   3. [LGA responds to social care winter plan and COVID-19 taskforce report](lga-responds-social-care-winter-plan-and-covid-19-taskforce-report)
   4. [LGA responds to extra £546 infection control social care funding](lga-responds-extra-ps546m-infection-control-social-care-funding)
   5. [LGA responds to Ombudsman annual review of adult social care complaints](lga-responds-ombudsman-annual-review-adult-social-care-complaints)
   6. [LGA responds to NHS Confederation report on social care](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-nhs-confederation-report-social-care)
   7. [LGA responds to Carers UK report on need for more support carers](lga-responds-carers-uk-report-need-more-support-carers)
   8. [LGA responds to PAC report on social care during coronavirus](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-pac-report-social-care-during-coronavirus)
   9. [LGA responds to latest ONS figures on coronavirus deaths](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-latest-ons-figures-coronavirus-deaths-6)
   10. [LGA responds to ONS figures on coronavirus care home deaths](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-ons-figures-coronavirus-care-homes-deaths)

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