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

**Public health**

1. I have attended the meetings of the Local Outbreak Plan Advisory Board on both 8 January and 18 January. In these meetings we have received helpful updates on the progress of the vaccination programme and given feedback from local government alongside ADASS, ADPH and Councils represented on the Board. We had a presentation on asymptomatic community testing updating us on this work and held a discussion on self-isolation, in which we shared concerns from local government and gave feedback as to what we thought needed improvement. We also heard from Mufti Hamid Patel, from Star Academies who has shared his insights from three pilots of testing in schools. His experiences will be used to produce a case study for when schools do reopen.
2. I chaired prevention and Intervention webinar on 26th November with 150 attendees, a mass testing webinar chaired by ADPH on 10th December with 160 attendees, a vaccine webinar on 21st December chaired by Cllr. Paulette Hamilton with 500 attendees, and 500 delegates are signed up for 21st January webinar on vaccine communications.

**Mental health and suicide prevention**

1. Following a presentation from Centre for Mental Health at the December Community Wellbeing Board, we have commissioned a joint piece of work with the Children and Young People’s Board to explore whole family approaches to supporting good mental health and wellbeing.
2. I contributed a quote to the re-launch of Public Health England’s [Prevention Concordat](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevention-concordat-for-better-mental-health-consensus-statement/prevention-concordat-for-better-mental-health) for Better Mental Health on 7 December. Refreshed resources for councils include supporting residents’ mental wellbeing during the pandemic.
3. Cllr Richard Kemp attended the National Suicide Prevention Strategy Advisory Group on 6 December and agreed to arrange a further discussion with partners about bereavement support.

**Health and care integration**

1. On 26 November, the Lead Members of the Community Wellbeing, City Regions and People and Places Board met to discuss health devolution and intersection between the development of integrated care systems and health devolution.
2. On 8 December, Cllr Paulette Hamilton chaired a webinar organised by NHSE and supported by the LGA on the role of place in the future of health and care transformation.
3. On 22 December, the LGA published its response to the NHSE consultation on the future of integration, which drew on the views and concerns of LGA members: <https://www.local.gov.uk/parliament/briefings-and-responses/lga-response-nhs-england-and-nhs-improvement-consultation>.
4. On 23 December, the LGA published a joint good practice guide on localising decision-making:<https://www.local.gov.uk/localising-decision-making-guide-support-effective-working-across-neighbourhood-place-and-system>
5. On 6 January the Community Wellbeing Board members were invited to a consultative meeting with NHS England and NHS Integration colleagues on the future of care and integration.

**Ageing**

1. Cllr Renard and I contributed a joint foreword to an LGA, ADASS, Age UK and Care and Repair England guide to [meeting the home adaptation needs of older people.](https://www.local.gov.uk/meeting-home-adaptation-needs-older-people)

**Adult social care**

1. I have continued to respond to numerous national and trade media stories on many aspects of adult social care.
2. I, along with Simon Williams, LGA’s director of social care improvement, met with colleagues from the Social Care All Party Parliamentary Group on 25 November to discuss the immediate challenges posed by Covid-19 to social care, along with the lessons that need to be learned as we look to future reforms for the long-term.
3. On 2 November Cllr Richard Kemp attended the launch of work by the Future Social Care Coalition (FSCC) to campaign for a fair deal for the social care workforce. I am speaking at an FSCC conference on the future of the care workforce on 11 February, alongside a number of prominent national experts including Sir Andrew Dilnot and Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP.

**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:

[LGA responds to Mental Health Act reform white paper](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-mental-health-act-reform-white-paper)

[LGA responds to new £120 million fund to boost social care sector staffing levels](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-new-ps120-million-fund-boost-social-care-sector-staffing-levels)

[LGA responds to accessible homes survey](https://www.local.gov.uk/about/news?topic%5b2506%5d=2506)

[LGA responds to latest suicide statistics and reports](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-latest-suicide-statistics-and-reports)

[LGA and NALC join forces to tackle loneliness](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-and-nalc-join-forces-tackle-loneliness)

[LGA responds to vaccine delivery plan and first daily uptake figures](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-vaccine-delivery-plan-and-first-daily-uptake-figures)

[LGA: Councils respond to COVID-19 community testing expansion](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-councils-respond-covid-19-community-testing-expansion)

[COVID-19: LGA responds to national lockdown announcement](https://www.local.gov.uk/covid-19-lga-responds-national-lockdown-announcement)

[LGA responds to Tier 4 announcement](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-tier-4-announcement)

[LGA responds to UCL report on teenage obesity](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-ucl-report-teenage-obesity)

[LGA responds to first week of COVID-19 vaccination figures](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-first-week-covid-19-vaccination-figures)

[LGA responds to APPG on Coronavirus interim report](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-appg-coronavirus-interim-report)

[LGA responds to COVID-19 vaccine announcement](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-covid-19-vaccine-announcement)

[LGA responds to new tiers announcement](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-new-tiers-announcement)

[LGA responds to adult substance misuse treatment statistics](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-adult-substance-misuse-treatment-statistics)

[LGA responds to 200 local contact tracing partnerships announcement](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-200-local-contact-tracing-partnerships-announcement)

[LGA responds to Spending Review social care and public health announcements](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-spending-review-social-care-and-public-health-announcements)

[LGA responds to NAO report on the supply of PPE during the pandemic](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-nao-report-supply-ppe-during-pandemic)

[Councils respond to COVID-19 Winter Plan](https://www.local.gov.uk/councils-respond-covid-19-winter-plan)

[LGA: Public health funding boost needed to fuel post-pandemic recovery](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-public-health-funding-boost-needed-fuel-post-pandemic-recovery)

[LGA responds to latest weekly test and trace figures](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-latest-weekly-test-and-trace-figures-0)

[LGA: Local government must be able to lead shoulder-to-shoulder with NHS on COVID-19 vaccination drive](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-local-government-must-be-able-lead-shoulder-shoulder-nhs-covid-19-vaccination-drive)

[LGA responds to latest weekly test and trace figures](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-latest-weekly-test-and-trace-figures)

[LGA responds to Centre for Mental Health report on reducing mental health inequalities](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-centre-mental-health-report-reducing-mental-health-inequalities)

[LGA statement on rapid roll out of COVID-19 test kits to councils](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-statement-rapid-roll-out-covid-19-test-kits-councils)

[LGA: Councils supporting communities ahead of national restrictions](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-councils-supporting-communities-ahead-national-restrictions)

[LGA responds to childhood obesity figures](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-childhood-obesity-figures)

[LGA responds to latest Test and Trace figure](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-latest-test-and-trace-figure)

[COVID-19 Adult safeguarding insight project: findings and discussion](https://www.local.gov.uk/covid-19-adult-safeguarding-insight-project-findings-and-discussion)

[LGA responds to Spending Review social care and public health announcements](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-spending-review-social-care-and-public-health-announcements)

[LGA responds to Centre for Ageing Better’s ‘State of Ageing 2020’ report](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-centre-ageing-betters-state-ageing-2020-report)

[LGA responds to increased care home testing announcement](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-increased-care-home-testing-announcement)

[LGA responds to weekly testing of homecare workers](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-weekly-testing-homecare-workers)

[Analysis of Safeguarding Adult Reviews: April 2017 - March 2019](https://www.local.gov.uk/analysis-safeguarding-adult-reviews-april-2017-march-2019)

[LGA responds to Centre for Ageing Better’s ‘State of Ageing 2020’ report](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-centre-ageing-betters-state-ageing-2020-report)

[LGA responds to Age UK report calling for care staff pay rise](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-age-uk-report-calling-care-staff-pay-rise)

[LGA responds to CQC report on use of restraint, prolonged seclusion and segregation](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-cqc-report-use-restraint-prolonged-seclusion-and-segregation)

[LGA responds to Skills for Care workforce report](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-skills-care-workforce-report)

[LGA responds to Carers UK report on support for unpaid carers](https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-responds-carers-uk-report-support-unpaid-carers)

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