

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

Public health

A 'local first' public health system

1. The reform of Public Health England (PHE), the new National Institute for Health Protection (NIHP) and forthcoming legislation on the statutory basis of integrated care systems (ICSs) means we are facing significant organisational change. The long-standing problem of health inequalities and regional inequality has become ever clearer during 2020/21, and the pandemic's repercussions will exacerbate for some time. <https://www.local.gov.uk/parliament/briefings-and-responses/local-first-public-health-system>

Vaccine Webinar – Equalities

2. This webinar was held on the 25th February as part of a series of vaccine focused webinars. This session provided an update on vaccination roll out, and the implications for local authorities in engaging with their communities with a focus on equalities. It explored this by considering good work previously carried out and what lessons can be learnt and applied to the vaccination roll out.

Vaccination Case studies

3. Councils are front and centre in national and local planning for the COVID-19 vaccine roll out. This reflects the community leadership role of local government and the importance of local health protection, emergency planning and social care systems, as well as the pivotal role local councils have played throughout the course of the pandemic. Last month we published series of case studies on the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccinations. <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/covid-19-vaccination-case-studies>

Mental Health

4. On 16 February, Councillor Judith Blake and I wrote to the Paymaster General, the Mental Health Minister and the Children and Families Minister about councils' critical role leading the mental health recovery from COVID-19. The Ministers are leading a cross-departmental mental health recovery taskforce.
5. On 17 March, I attended a roundtable to discuss the future of national public mental health given the reorganisation of public health functions. Chaired by Sir Michael Marmot, and attending by mental health charities, the discussion was an opportunity to make the case for an "enhanced local first" approach to public health reform.

Health and care integration

6. On 13 January the Lead Members of the Community Wellbeing Board and I met senior members of the NHS Clinical Commissioners Board to discuss the scope for joint work on the forthcoming white paper on health and care integration.
7. On 21 January the Executive Advisory Board discussed the LGA's influencing activity on the forthcoming white paper on health and care integration. The EAG recognised the leadership of the CWB in representing local government views on partnership with the NHS to drive improvements in health and wellbeing outcomes.
8. On 11 February, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) [published the legislative proposals for a Health and Care Bill](#). On 16 February the LGA published a briefing on the comprehensive summary of the proposals of most relevance and significance to local government. It also provides the LGA's initial reaction to the proposals along with our policy messages, which may necessarily evolve as discussions on the proposals continue.
9. On 2 March Sarah Pickup, LGA Deputy Chief Executive, gave evidence to the House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee inquiry on the DHSC white paper in integration and innovation.

Adult social care

10. On 11 February I spoke at a conference organised by the Future Social Care Coalition on the adult social care and support workforce. Other speakers included Alistair Burt, Phil Hope, Andy Burnham and Sir Andrew Dilnot. I paid tribute to the incredible efforts of the care workforce and talked about the lessons that need to be learned from the pandemic as we seek to build support for our call for a new deal for the workforce, comprising action on pay, training and development, progression and professionalisation, and recognition.

Press Releases and Statements

[LGA responds to Mental Health Act reform white paper](#)

[LGA responds to Lords report on healthy ageing](#)

[LGA responds to new £120 million fund to boost social care sector staffing levels](#)

[LGA responds to £23m funding for community champions](#)

[LGA: In remembrance of the 100,000 lives lost to COVID-19](#)

[LGA responds to care home vaccination announcement](#)

[LGA responds to record alcohol-related deaths figures](#)

[LGA responds to Public Accounts Committee report on procurement and supply of PPE](#)

[LGA responds to NAO report on shielding the clinically extremely vulnerable during lockdown](#)

[LGA responds to ONS data on COVID-19 deaths by disability status](#)

[LGA responds to Health and Care white paper](#)

[LGA responds to expansion to shielding](#)

[LGA responds to roadmap out of lockdown announcement](#)

[LGA responds to NHS Providers briefing on the future of public health](#)

[LGA responds to HCLG Committee inquiry launch into adult social care funding](#)

[LGA responds to new weight management services funding](#)

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