

## Community Wellbeing Board – Report from Cllr David Fothergill (Chair)

### Adult Social Care

1. On 24 June, Cllr David Fothergill spoke alongside Ed Davey MP and Liz Kendall MP at a summit on the future of the adult social care workforce, organised by the Future Social Care Coalition.
2. On 20 June, the LGA – along with several national adult social care partners – [wrote publicly](#) to the Prime Minister, Chancellor and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care stressing the urgent need for Government to act on care and support reform. The letter called on the Government to publish its proposals before the parliamentary summer recess, a call that was [reiterated](#) at our annual conference.

### Health integration

3. On 16 June, Cllr David Fothergill chaired a panel session on integrated care systems (ICSs) at the NHS Confederation annual conference.
4. On 29 June, Alyson Morley gave a presentation on integrated care systems to the LGA induction session for new adult social care cabinet members and health and wellbeing board chairs.
5. On 7 July, Cllr Paulette Hamilton chaired a parallel session at the LGA annual conference on the role and contribution of local government to ICSs.

### Mental Health

#### *Suicide prevention*

6. On 30 June, Cllr Richard Kemp attended the National Suicide Prevention Strategy Advisory Group.

#### *Loneliness*

7. On 9 June Cllr Richard Kemp spoke at an All-Party Parliamentary Group on Loneliness' event on 'Local Action'

#### *Children and Young People's Mental Health*

8. On 8 July, Cllr Nethsingha, Deputy Chair of the Children and Young People Board, chaired a parallel plenary session at the LGA Annual Conference about the importance of mental health and wellbeing to COVID-19 recovery. At the joint session with the Community Wellbeing Board, we launched [new research](#) from the Centre for Mental Health into whole family/household approaches to supporting good mental health and wellbeing.

### Autism

9. On 14 July, the Community Wellbeing Board was represented at the launch of the Government's new all ages Autism Strategy

## Public Health

10. On 17 June, Cllr Amy Cross chaired the LGA's heatwave and summer preparedness webinar.
11. On 17 June, Cllr David Fothergill spoke at the APPG on Smoking and Health to discuss their new report setting out recommendations for the 2021 Tobacco Control Plan for England.
12. On 1 July, to coincide with the launch of the new NHS and LA weight management services, the LGA published a ['must know'](#) for elected members on obesity and weight management services.
13. On 6 July, Cllr David Fothergill chaired a parallel session at the LGA annual conference on the theme of 'living with Covid' with guest speaker Prof Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer.
14. On 6 July, the LGA launched 'A perfect storm', the first in a series of briefings on [health inequalities and the health impact of Covid](#).

## Other Board Priorities

15. The [LGA Asylum, Refugee and Migration Task Group](#) reports to both the Community Wellbeing and Children and Young People's Board. Many councils have stepped forward to pledge offers of accommodation and support for the [relocation scheme for locally employed Afghan staff](#). As it may be extremely challenging to quickly secure sufficient housing if the situation in Afghanistan further deteriorates, the Home Office is developing contingency plans for temporary accommodation. Government is aware of the need to engage with councils as soon as possible and the need to place this in other current requests to councils.

## Parliamentary Activity

16. We briefed MPs ahead of the Second Reading of the Health and Care Bill. Ahead of the Second Reading, we also released a joint statement with NHS Confederation and NHS providers which set out our joint support and concerns for the Bill.
17. We submitted written evidence to the Public Accounts Committee's inquiry Test and Trace 2. In the submission, we highlighted the crucial role public health leaders have played in contract tracing and the success of the Local-0 scheme. This inquiry followed on from the first part of the Test and Trace inquiry, which we submitted earlier this year.
18. We briefed Peers ahead of a debate on social care and the role of carers. Peers across the House highlighted that the current social care system is unfair, financially unsustainable and is too often failing to provide the care the most vulnerable people need.

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