

Community Wellbeing Board – report from Cllr Izzi Seccome (Chair)

Adult Social Care

1. **14 July 2014: Cllr Gillian Ford attended the APPG on housing and care for older people.**
 - 1.1 The sessions discussed *After the Care Act: Implementing housing with health and care for older people*. The APPG heard from the following speakers: Jon Rouse, Director General, Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships, Department of Health; Neil Revely, Executive Director People Services, Sunderland City Council and Aileen Murphie, Director DCLG/LG Value for Money, National Audit Office.
2. **16 July 2014: Cllr Gillian Ford attended Inquiry on housing and care for older people.**
 - 2.1 This had presentations from Gary Day, Land and Planning Director McCarthy and Stone and Les Mayhew CASS Business School (expert in equity release) and Elizabeth Mills, Honorary Director, Homeshare International.
3. **16 July 2014: Cllr Colin Noble attended TLAP Programme Board.**
 - 3.1 The meeting discussed TLAP's forthcoming work programme on personalisation, work programme in respect of Care Act and the NHS announcement regarding integrated personal budgets. Cllr Noble made the suggestion at the meeting that the Co-production working group might want to present to a CWB Board on the issue of the Independent Living Fund.
4. **17 July 2014: Cllr Gravells attended the 3rd meeting of the Ministerial Community Covenant Reference Group.**
 - 4.1 This meeting discussed issues and priorities for the group for the coming year.
5. **14 August 2014: Cllr Gillian Ford attended the Dementia Equity Task and Finish Group led by PHE.**
 - 5.1 Aims of this group – to create an evidence review for local commissioners on equity issues in dementia and to advise national statutory partners on how to approach building equalities insights into their future work programmes.
6. **28 August 2014: Cllrs Seccome, Ford, Thomas and Hall met Jon Rouse, Director General at DoH**
 - 6.1 The aim of this meeting was to feed back concerns, raised by members at the July 23 Board meeting, about how the government will respond if it becomes clear there is not enough funding for local government to implement the Care Act in 2015-16. It was a productive meeting at which it was agreed that we share the ambition to implement the Care Act well, but careful consideration of the latest

modeling of cost information will be crucial. The timescales for decision will be tight, with the second half of September being crucial as regulations will need to be finalised shortly after that.

- 6.2 Members also re-iterated concerns about the Better Care Fund and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. Members offered to host Jon to visit councils and discussed a range of potentials areas for further joint work, including dementia, mental health and CAMHS.
7. Norman Lamb MP has accepted the boards invitation to attend its workshop on 9 September .

Addressing the financial impact of the Supreme Court Decision re Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

8. As noted at the last Board, the LGA, jointly with the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services, sent a [letter](#) on 30 July to Government on the impact of the recent Supreme Court decision re Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. This estimates that the financial impact of undertaking more assessments as a result of the Judgment is at least £88 million this year. The letter calls on the Government to fully fund the costs as a new burden.
9. Local authorities support the broadening of criteria for assessments and are already undertaking a range of sector led activities to assist with implementation of the changes. However, if funding is not provided, there will be significant impact on already over-stretched budgets and it will be harder for councils to meet their statutory duties in protecting this vulnerable group of people. A reply is expected by the end of September and Board Members will be kept informed of the response and any future action.

Children's Mental health

10. Following discussions at the Children's Health and Wellbeing Partnership which has representation from the LGA, the Government has committed to making children and young people's mental health and emotional well-being a priority.

Autism

Proposed next steps to publicise and support council leaders to promote 'Think Autism' within their local areas

11. In response to the publication of DH's revised Autism Strategy published on 2 April, members of the CWB Board agreed to take forward an initial programme of work to publicise and promote 'Think Autism'. The CWB Board will be providing a steer on what this might entail.

Alzheimer's and Dementia

12. The Board is also considering the next steps to maintain the momentum to support local councillors to promote dementia friendly communities

All Together Now: Making Integration Happen

13. In July, the LGA and the NHS Confederation published our shared ambition for 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. 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.
14. 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:

[All Together Now: Making integration happen \(PDF, 16 pages, 105KB\)](#)

Please contact Helen.kay@local.gov.uk for further information

Integration Personal Commissioning (IPC) Programme

15. At the LGA Annual Conference, NHS England Chief Executive, Simon Stevens announced a new national programme to promote shared health and social care budgets. The prospectus for the IPC Programme was published in early September, with support from LGA and the Association of Directors of Social Services, who will be key partners in the programme.
16. The IPC will build on work already commenced to extend personal budgets for health and social care for four groups: children and young people with complex needs; people with learning disabilities; mental health service users; and people with long-term conditions – in particular frail, elderly people.
17. The objectives of the IPC are to: provide a better quality of life and improved health and wellbeing outcomes; prevention of crises and unplanned hospital admissions through better self-management and preventative action; and integration of care and support at the level of the individual.

Barker Commission Report on the Future of Health and Adult Social Care

18. On 4 September, the King's Fund published their final report and recommendations on the future of health and social care. We will be providing CWB Members with a briefing and commentary on the key recommendations once the report is published.

Dates of future meetings

Regional 0-5 Transfer Events (various)

http://www.local.gov.uk/events/-/journal_content/56/10180/6372084/EVENT

Making better spending decisions on public health: joint Kings Fund/LGA event - 18 September 2014

http://www.local.gov.uk/events/-/journal_content/56/10180/6341128/EVENT

Health and wellbeing peer training event (Coventry, 2 – 3 October 2014)

http://www.local.gov.uk/events/-/journal_content/56/10180/6181533/EVENT

Making every contact count: taking every opportunity to improve health and wellbeing in local populations (London) - 2 October 2014

http://www.local.gov.uk/events/-/journal_content/56/10180/6349218/EVENT

Leadership Essentials for HWB Chairs (Coventry, 14 – 15 October 2014)

http://www.local.gov.uk/events/-/journal_content/56/10180/6103314/EVENT

Councils' role in tackling female genital mutilation (FGM) conference (London) - 14 October 2014

http://www.local.gov.uk/events/-/journal_content/56/10180/6356935/EVENT

Redesigning the Health and Care landscape (London) - 22 October 2014

http://www.local.gov.uk/events/-/journal_content/56/10180/6349064/EVENT

Leadership Essentials for HWB Chairs (Horsham, 2 – 3 December 2014) South East - 2 December 2014

http://www.local.gov.uk/events/-/journal_content/56/10180/6348076/EVENT

National children and adult services conference, 29 – 31 October 2014

This year's joint LGA, ADASS and ADCS conference will include sessions by key individuals in the adult, children and education sectors. To be held in Manchester, the main sessions will focus on integration, Care Act Implementation and other key issues, such as mental health, workforce and transitions. There will also be plenty of opportunities to participate in breakout sessions and networking, as well as the opportunity for discussions with Ministerial and shadow teams. In response to requests for a focus on current practice, as well as a range of 'innovation' sessions on the conference programme, an informal 'speakers corner' will give delegates an opportunity to discuss current issues via short sessions on key topics. There will also be specific sessions just for Councillors to aid networking and the sharing of innovative practice. For more information and to make a booking, please go to

<http://www.adass.org.uk/ncasc-2014/>