

Community Wellbeing Board – Report from Cllr David Fothergill (Chairman)

Health Integration

1. On 26 October I spoke at an NHSE webinar on the importance of place based partnerships and the role of local government in the development of integrated care systems (ICS).
2. On 2 November I gave a presentation to the Lords All Party Health Group on the Health and Care Bill.
3. On 10 November I gave a keynote address to the NHS Confederation's first national conference for ICS leaders. Cllr Paulette Hamilton, Vice Chair of the Community Wellbeing Board and Sarah Pickup, LGA Deputy Chief Executive, also contributed to sessions at this important event.
4. On 12 January I joined the City Regions Board for a discussion on the LGA's policy positions, influencing and support activity on the Health and Care Bill and the development of ICSs.

November's National Adults and Children's Service Conference

5. Board Lead Members contributed to key sessions at November's National Adults and Children's Service Conference. This included sessions with the Secretary of State, the Chief Executive of NHS England, the Chief Medical Officer and opposition spokespeople, alongside workshops on adult social care reform and funding, health reform, autism, and mental health and wellbeing. Attended by over 700 delegates, key issues raised across the three days included the importance of addressing adult social funding, workforce pressures, co-production and a person and place based approach to integration.

Suicide Prevention

6. On 6 December Cllr Rosemary Sexton attended the Suicide and Self-harm Prevention APPG. The meeting focussed on the importance of timely and personalised bereavement support for people affected by suicide. Cllr Sexton emphasised councils' vital role in partnership with health colleagues and others.

Mental Health

7. On 24th November Cllr Sexton chaired the NCASC session on the Community Mental Health Framework. The session set out the aspirations of the framework, the opportunities for local authorities and how councillors as place leaders can shape and implement community mental health locally

Autism

8. On 26th November Cllr Osborne chaired the NCASC session on the national strategy for autistic children, young people and adults. The session looked at how councils can contribute to the ambitions of the autism strategy, and what are the emerging issues for local government across all ages.

Learning Disabilities

9. On 30 November, Cllr Rosemary Sexton and I met people and their families supported by Getta Life to live independently with support in their own home. The visit was a powerful reminder about the importance of personalised and quality support for learning disabled people.

Health inequalities hub

10. The LGA launched their [Health Inequalities Hub](#) at the end of November 2021 which includes new case studies and think pieces. A part of our work on health inequalities has been a number of webinars on key areas including mental health, age & gender and ethnicity. A Community Wellbeing Board member has Chaired each of these, which are listed below;
 - 10.1. Cllr Louise Gittins chaired the first webinar on Tuesday 30 November [focussed on how people with learning disabilities](#) were impacted by COVID-19.
 - 10.2. Cllr Paulette Hamilton chaired the second webinar on 14 December focused on [how black and minority ethnic people have been, and continue to be, impacted by the virus.](#)
 - 10.3. I chaired the third webinar on 18 January focused on how the pandemic has exacerbated the inequalities in different ways for older and younger people. The summary when completed will be found on our [health inequalities hub](#).
11. The next webinar will be focussed on the impact of the pandemic on mental health and is on 15 February. This can be found on the LGA events site [here](#) for anyone interested in joining us.
12. I am also chairing a webinar in which Professor Clare Bambra will share the findings of her recent co-authored book '[The Unequal Pandemic: COVID-19 and Health Inequalities](#)' on 15 February, the page on the LGA events site to book to attend can be found [here](#).

Social Care

13. On 2 November, Cllr Rosemary Sexton attended a roundtable on the care workforce organised by the Future Social Care Coalition. Cllr Sexton was invited to give a presentation on the LGA's reaction to the Government's report, 'Build Back Better: Our plan for health and social care'. Cllr Sexton welcomed aspects of the plan but raised concerns about the adequacy of the funding allocated to deliver all aspects of the

announced reforms. She also offered reflections on the Spending Review and what it meant for adult social care.

14. On 4 November, I attended and spoke at the All Party Parliamentary Group on adult social care. Discussing their vision for care and support reform, I set out the LGA's views on the funding pressures facing councils and the priority issues that needed addressing in the reform agenda, including tackling unmet and under-met need, pressures on the care workforce and care worker pay, a greater investment in prevention, greater stability for the provider market, and action to ease the pressures on unpaid carers.
15. On 12 January, Cllr Paulette Hamilton represented the LGA at the first meeting of a new adult social care policy network established by Public Policy Projects and chaired by Rt Hon Damian Green. The network, attended by a range of senior figures from across the social care sector, is examining the issues of integration, funding, workforce and digitisation, with reports on each planned over the coming twelve months. As well as contributing to the general discussion, Cllr Hamilton also gave a short presentation setting out the LGA's position on the integration agenda, including our perspective on the Health and Care Bill and what we want to see from the forthcoming integration white paper.

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