

Community Wellbeing Board – Report from Cllr David Fothergill

Integration

1. Sarah Pickup, Deputy Chief Executive spoke at two sessions at the NHS Expo in Liverpool in June: the first on local authority and NHS partnerships within integrated care systems and the second on the importance of place based leaderships in the new health and care landscape.
2. At the LGA annual conference on 28 June, Cllr David Fothergill joined a panel discussion on amplifying the voice of local government in integrated care systems. It was a lively and well-attended session with plenty of contributions from the audience. The session was chaired by health and care journalist, David Brindle, and Cllr Fothergill was joined on the panel by Lord Adebawale, LGA Vice-President and Chair of the NHS Confederation, Philippa Baker, Deputy Director of the DHSC Legislation Programme Team and Mark Cubbon, Chief Delivery Officer at NHS England.

Health and Social Care Select Committee

3. On 24 May, Simon Williams, the LGA's Director of Social Care Improvement, gave oral evidence to the Health and Social Care Select Committee as part of their inquiry on the health and social care workforce. Simon outlined the pressures facing adult social care and the challenges around recruitment and retention, particularly the issue of care worker pay.

Lead Member survey on the Government's adult social care reforms

4. Between 6 and 23 June, we conducted a survey of all Lead/Cabinet Members for adult social care to gather their views on the Government's reform agenda. Despite a shorter-than-usual window for completion, we had a solid 80 responses. Two of the survey's findings formed the basis of a proactive media release that we put out just before our Annual Conference and which enjoyed national and trade media coverage. The findings in question were that: 98 per cent of respondents were 'not very' or 'not at all' confident in the sufficiency of funding Government has earmarked for the reforms; and 75 per cent of respondents were 'not very' or 'not at all' confident that they have the required frontline capacity to deliver the reforms. These are clear expressions of concern, which were relayed directly to the Minister of State for Care, Gillian Keegan MP, at our Annual Conference. Further media work is planned on other findings from the survey.

Annual Conference 2022, 28-30 June

5. The Community Wellbeing Team arranged several popular and successful sessions at this year's Annual Conference, including:
 - 5.1. A parallel plenary on adult social care funding and reform, chaired by Board Member Cllr Louise McKinlay, and which included contributions from the Minister of State for Care, Gillian Keegan, and the new President of ADASS, Sarah McClinton.
 - 5.2. A workshop on adult social care assurance, which included contributions from Mary Cridge, director of adult social care policy at CQC and Kate Sibthorp, a member of Think Local Act Personal's National Coproduction Advisory Group.
 - 5.3. A workshop on the use of behavioural science and insights to improve health and wellbeing, chaired by Board Member Cllr Louise Gittins and included contributions from Professor Jim McManus, President of ADPH and DPH for Hertfordshire County Council and Julie Webb, DPH for Wirral Council.

Childhood Obesity Trailblazer Programme Assembly

6. On 8-9 June, Cllr David Fothergill gave an opening speech at the first day of the COTP programme assembly. The event was well attended and invited all five trailblazers (Nottinghamshire, Pennine Lancs, Birmingham, Bradford and Lewisham) to reflect on their learning throughout the project, share their experiences and discuss their priorities moving forward.

Supporting Suicide Prevention Webinar

7. On 5-6 July, Cllr Rosemary Sexton chaired a two-day webinar on supporting suicide prevention, organised by the Care and Health Improvement Programme Team. It was a well-attended event and included contributions from ADPH, Samaritans, Wirral and East Sussex councils, Thrive LDN, James' Place charity, Teeside University and NHS Greater Manchester.

Next steps for COVID-19 vaccination

8. NHS England and NHS Improvement [have written to council Chief Executives and Directors of Public Health](#) to offer their thanks to councils and NHS partners for delivering a successful vaccination programme over the last two years. The letter also outlines plans for an autumn booster programme to augment population immunity and protection against severe COVID-19 disease, hospitalisation and death over the winter. The letter also highlights ambitions for a new approach to vaccination, and NHS England and NHS Improvement are developing an integrated vaccination and immunisation strategy which will build on the learning from COVID-19 and other immunisation programmes.

Media Statements

[The Forgotten Workforce – Recruiting and Retaining Personal Assistants](#)

[LGA responds to latest NHS Healthcheck statistics](#)

[Not enough money for adult social care reforms, say 98 per cent of councils in LGA survey](#)

[Government set to miss deadline to combat childhood obesity by 2030, councils warn](#)

[Councils warn of pressure on sexual health services due to rising number of Monkeypox cases](#)

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