

Update on other board business

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

This report sets out other updates relevant to the Board, and not included elsewhere.

Recommendations

Members of the Community Wellbeing Board are asked to:

1. **Provide oral updates** on any other outside bodies / external meetings they may have attended on behalf of the Community Wellbeing Board since the last meeting; and
2. **Note** the updates contained in the report.

Action

As directed by members.

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Adult Social Care

1. At the Board's July meeting, Members provided a very helpful steer on what the LGA's position should be with regard to the Government's adult social care reform agenda. In summary, Members agreed that we should call publicly for a short 6-month deferral to aspects of the Government's reform agenda but maintain work on 'cost of care' exercises with providers (albeit without the requirement to publish a draft market sustainability plan in October this year). Following this Board discussion, Cllr David Fothergill [wrote publicly](#) to the then Secretary of State for Health and Social Care setting out the LGA's position. This was published alongside an accompanying [press release](#).
2. Building on the above work, the LGA published a new '[adult social care position statement](#)' in September calling for £13 billion new investment in adult social care (to align with what the Prime Minister said during the leadership campaign regarding adult social care needing to be the beneficiary of new funding). We argued that this level of investment is needed to both tackle current pressures and limit their immediate- and short-term impact, and provide councils with the resources required to deliver on their full range of statutory duties under the Care Act. The statement reiterated our position of seeking a 6-month deferral to charging reform, and a delay of at least 12 months to adult social care assurance. The statement was published alongside an accompanying [press release](#), which received considerable national media coverage in both print and broadcast.

New publication: [Women's Health Case Studies](#)

3. Local government is working to ensure women's health is a priority in all they do. These case studies show the breadth of the work going on, from creating menopause-friendly environments to improving access to reproductive and sexual health services.
4. Although women live longer than men on average, they spend a significantly greater proportion of their lives in ill health and disability compared to men. To combat this, the government in England published its first ever Women's Health Strategy in July this year.
5. Local government is already rising to the challenge. Before the strategy was published plenty of councils had started developing new programmes and working with their partners to ensure women's health is a priority in all they do.
6. The case studies show the breadth of the work going on, from Lancashire's push to create a menopause-friendly environment for staff to Newcastle's social media campaign to get hard-to-reach women to come forward for cervical screening.