



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

1. Officials from the Department of Health and Social Care gave a presentation to the Community Wellbeing Board meeting on 11 October on the DHSC engagement document on health and wellbeing boards. The engagement document was published in July 2022 as a guide to the role of HWBs following the publication of the Health and Care Act 2022 and the Health and social care integration: joining up care for people, places and populations white paper.
2. The engagement period has now ended and the revised guidance will be published in the Autumn.
3. On 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022, I chaired an LGA webinar led by the National Inclusive Sustainable Economies (NISE) Network. It explored levelling up implementation and the opportunities this presents for integrating inclusive growth and health improvement at the place level. The webinar considered how places are developing approaches to health improvement and more inclusive and sustainable economies, and how the health service is thinking about its role in place-based partnerships to level up and support social and economic development.
4. 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](#).
5. 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.

## Media Statements

6. [NHS “dental deserts” persist in rural and deprived communities – LGA analysis](#)  
This was covered in the [Telegraph](#), [Times](#), [Mirror](#), [Mail](#), [Independent](#), [iNews](#), [ITV](#) and [Sun](#). It also featured on BBC regional radio, LBC, Times Radio and Sky Radio, who produce news bulletins for Capital, Heart Radio and commercial channels.
7. [LGA responds to Childhood Vaccination Coverage statistics](#)
8. [LGA responds to new National Child Measurement Programme figures](#)  
Our comments were reported in the [Mail Online](#).
9. [LGA responds to additional funding for hospital discharges](#)  
Our comments were reported in [The Independent](#), [Guardian](#), [Express](#), [The Times](#), [The Daily Mail](#) and the [Evening Standard](#)
10. [Councils call for £13 billion for social care to be delivered as promised by PM](#)  
This was covered by [Times Radio](#), [Sky news online](#), [The Independent](#), the [Daily Mail](#), [ITV online](#) and the [Guardian](#) and Cllr Fothergill was interviewed on [LBC](#).
11. [LGA responds to NHS Confederation's call for further funding to social care](#)
12. [LGA responds to ONS figures on excess deaths](#)  
Our comments were reported by the [Press Association](#) and [BBC regional radio](#).
13. [LGA responds to Early Intervention Foundation report into mental health in schools](#)
14. [LGA: Sugar levy should be spent by councils to tackle physical inactivity and ensure lasting Commonwealth Games legacy](#)  
This press release was reported by the [Independent](#), [Evening Standard](#), the [Guardian](#) and [LBC Radio](#) (on air and online)
15. [Evidence of immediate pressures to social care growing](#)  
This was covered by [ITV News online](#) and was a main feature on [ITV News at 6 and 10](#), Cllr Fothergill was interviewed for the broadcast piece.
16. [LGA responds to ONS data on drug related deaths](#)  
The LGA's comments were reported by the [Press Association](#).
17. [LGA responds to NHS Confederation report on social care](#)
18. [LGA responds to Women's Health Strategy](#)



19. [LGA responds to new National Child Measurement Programme figures](#)

Our response was reported by the **Telegraph** and **Sun**.

20. [LGA responds to ADASS Spring budget survey](#)

21. [LGA responds to autumn COVID-19 and flu vaccination campaign](#)

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