

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

### Mental health, learning disabilities and unpaid carers

1. On 22 Jan, Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz attended a panel discussion on preventing post-custody suicides hosted by the Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody (IAPDC) and the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) calling for adequate public health funding and earlier clarity around grant allocations.
2. On 5 February, Cllr Victor Chamberlain gave oral evidence on disabled people in the housing sector to the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee's inquiry calling for Government to fully fund the Disability Facilities Grant.
3. On 20 Feb, Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger chaired a webinar on Health in an Ageing Society. Professor Chris Whitty presented the Chief Medical Officer's Annual Report and was joined by Directors of Public Health from Cumberland and Hampshire County Councils. There were more than 200 people in attendance.
4. On 28 Feb, I responded to Housing LIN's APPG on Sheltered Housing, calling for funding for updating, extending and improving existing sheltered housing.
5. In terms of media work, we published five suicide prevention case studies on 15 Feb and called for an extension of local suicide prevention funding: [Suicide prevention funding end could have 'life or death consequences' | Local Government Association](#)

### Adult Social Care and Health

6. On 6 February 2024, Cllr Gillian Ford attended a roundtable hosted by Sue Ryder and chaired by Rachael Maskell MP, member of the Health and Social Care Committee, to discuss how ICSs can take a better approach to planning and delivering palliative and end-of-life care.

### Press statements

7. The Board has made a number of media statements:
  - 7.1. [Councils need support and funding for adult social care assurance process](#)
  - 7.2. [LGA on Smokefree 2030 Consultation](#)
  - 7.3. [LGA on Lancet cancer survival study](#)
  - 7.4. [Councils warn of rise in synthetic opioid use](#)
  - 7.5. [LGA urges Family Hub extension](#)
  - 7.6. [LGA responds to Care Workforce Pathway](#)

- 7.7. [LGA responds to UKHSA HIV survey](#)
- 7.8. [STI surge: Sexual health services at breaking point due to rising demand](#)
- 7.9. [Councils urge parents to take up MMR vaccine in light of outbreaks](#)
- 7.10. [LGA responds to new Childhood obesity figures](#)
- 7.11. [Councils hail ban on single-use vapes](#)
- 7.12. [Councils ramp up the pace as the Daily Mile reaches significant milestone](#)
- 7.13. [LGA on public health grant allocations](#)
- 7.14. [LGA responds to Government dental access plan](#)
- 7.15. [Nearly 119 operations a day to remove rotten teeth in children](#)
- 7.16. [LGA on PAC drug misuse report](#)
- 7.17. [Further urgent investment needed in social care – LGA on King's Fund report](#)
- 7.18. [Suicide prevention funding end could have 'life or death consequences'](#)

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