Other Business Report

**Purpose**

For discussion and direction.

**Summary**

This report summarises the work of officers on 0 -5 Public Health Transfer, Child and Adolescent Mental Health, and National Children and Adult Services Conference (NCAS).

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| **Recommendation**  Members are asked to consider recommendations for Board activity over the year ahead.    **Action**  Officers to take action arising out of discussion, as directed by members. |

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**0 – 5 Public Health Transfer**

1. In March we sent out a local authority self-assessment on the state of readiness for

the transfer. We received a 100% response rate from local authorities, the results

showed that 97% of councils are confident that commissioning arrangements will be

fully operational in their council from 1st October 2015 and that there is good joint

working with NHS England and providers to transfer these services.

1. It also showed 96% are very or fairly confident that their transitional arrangements

are clear and achievable and 99% are confident about their governance

arrangements.

1. Whilst it showed that there are high levels of confidence in many areas and few

remaining issues, it identified the following outstanding issues;

* 1. Data collection, reporting arrangements and concerns about the quality of data;

3.2 Child Health Information Services (CHIS). Whilst the majority of councils are

confident that CHIS is being improved (70%) and will achieve compliance

(61%), regional feedback suggested that there is a perception locally that the

system will not be improved by 2020 which is resulting in a lack of confidence;

3.3 Concerns about the move from commissioning from a registered to a resident

population and the implications this has on cross charging for resident

populations that are registered out of area. This issue was consistently raised

by the Regional Oversight Groups.

4. The LGA is following up with the few councils who expressed low confidence levels to

offer support. We are also working with NHS England and Public Health England to

address the above issues. PHE is developing proposals for an interim national

reporting arrangement for data collection and will engage local authorities in June to

seek their views on the proposals.

5. Local authorities also raised that they would like examples of good practice to be

shared more widely to support them to transform and embed these services. The

LGA is working with partners to share good practice with councils and develop

support tools.

**Child and Adolescent Mental Health Update**

6. In March the Department of Health and NHS England published the Report of the

Children and Young People’s Mental Health Taskforce, which sets out the changes

which need to take place at both local and national levels to improve the system.

CWB lead members played an active role in contributing to this work.

7. The Government announced in the budget a package of funding to improve child and

adolescent mental health services. This included investing over £1 billion over the

next 5 years to start new access standards, providing £118 million by 2018- 19 to

complete the roll-out of the Children and Young People’s Increasing Access to

Psychological Therapies, and investing £75 million over the next 5 years in maternal

mental ill health services. The Department for Education will also provide an

additional £1.5 million towards piloting joint training for designated leads in Child and

Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and schools to improve access to

mental health services for children and young people, including the most vulnerable.

8. We have long called for more money to support children and young people’s mental

health services and we are pleased to see that there are plans to invest additional

funding into these services which could improve much needed access to these vital

services for thousands more young people. However, we still need to see the whole

system properly funded and partners at both national and local levels working

together to implement the recommendations from the Taskforce.

9. We are very keen to work with the Department and NHS England to take forward work

on children and young people's mental health as a joint endeavour and are having

early discussions to establish next steps. We are clear that a joint approach that

promotes strong and accountable local leadership is needed to ensure there are coordinated commissioning arrangements to genuinely improve outcomes in children

and young people's mental health.

**National Children and Adult Services Conference (NCAS)**

1. This year’s NCAS conference will be taking place from the 14th – 16th October at the Bournemouth International Conference Centre. The new Chair of the LGA has been invited to open the conference and invitations have also been sent to Nicky Morgan MP, Secretary of State for Education, Edward Timpson MP, Minister for Children and Families and; Tristram Hunt MP, Shadow Education Secretary.
2. Confirmed children’s sessions will include an education question time; discussion of the future of the inspection of children’s services; a plenary session with Ofsted, a closed children’s lead member session with Edward Timpson (tbc) and; CAMHS. Due to the General Election a number of slots have been held back for ‘hot topic’ sessions and Member’s views on the subjects that should be covered in these sessions would be welcomed.
3. There are currently 347 delegates booked to attend the conference, which is approximately 80 more than at the same time last year.