

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019



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## I. NCAS Conference 14-16<sup>th</sup> November

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The President of ADCS, Stuart Gallimore, gave a buoyant but sobering opening address and acknowledged that this year's conference comes at a time when local government has been disproportionately affected by funding cuts when compared with other parts of the public sector. Also at a time when need continues to rise, placing ever more pressure on our services – with a significant rise in child protection activity. He went on to say that whilst historically children's services have been 'expert innovators', there is simply not enough money in the system and that nationally, local authorities needed to spend more than was budgeted in 2018/2019 to meet need.

I would encourage you to read the full speech at:

[http://adcs.org.uk/assets/documentation/NCASC18\\_Presidents\\_opening\\_address\\_web.pdf](http://adcs.org.uk/assets/documentation/NCASC18_Presidents_opening_address_web.pdf)

Caroline Dinenage MP – Minister of State for Care, Department of Health and Social Care addressed delegates, she was passionate about the need to ensure that the voice of Social Care was strong at a national as well as local level. She shared stories of examples where local systems are innovating with their communities to deliver improved cohesion thus reducing isolation. She discussed the merits of partnership working and the role of leaders across all sectors in working together to address rising demand and complexity of need making particular reference for a need to grow local solutions for local populations.

The conference closed with an inspiring speech from Andy Burnham – Greater Manchester Mayor. He talked about a lateral thinking approach to addressing the homelessness issues in Manchester. He described rough sleeping as one of the most “visible failures of public services” and questioned why things were not working?

He suggested that life has become more precarious with insecure work having an impact on secure housing for a number of different cross-sections of society. He was very clear that in his view Whitehall cannot deliver a solution to address local challenges since it cannot manage multi-faceted complexity therefore he challenged that if you want a 21<sup>st</sup> century solution then this needs to be community based offer built around individuals with all parties pulling together to same goal. He also suggested that local networks were imperative to improving outcomes particularly when “there will be nothing coming from the top anytime soon”.

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## 2. Local System Reviews

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This Board has already been briefed on the Local System Review conducted by the Care Quality Commission in December 2017 and has delegated oversight to the monitoring of our local action plan to Scrutiny. Our plan was based around three key areas:

- Commissioning and Market Management
- Staff and Organisational Development
- System Improvement

CQC reviewed 20 local health and care systems and published their report “Beyond Barriers- How older people move between health and social care” in 2018. Their national findings noted that not all local systems were sufficiently mature to deliver fully integrated support to their local populations. It details examples of good practice, high quality care and innovative approaches. It made specific reference to the roles of Health & Wellbeing Boards in driving whole system working. The report also cites our local befriending service in addressing some of the social isolation needs across the City.

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### **3. LGA Publication- Shifting the centre of gravity: Making place-based, person-centred health and care a reality**

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The LGA launched this publication at NCAS conference in November following the review of “Stepping up to the Place”. Local teams met with authorities across the country to gather good practice examples and to test out the impact of funding changes, demand pressures and the impact of a challenges workforce on local areas.

The integration work that we have delivered in Plymouth has been referenced in a number of sections across the publication.

- Community based services in Plymouth- describes the integration health and social care provision delivered by Livewell Southwest.
- Shared Leadership and accountability notes Plymouth’s System Leadership approach including the co-location of CCG and LA Commissioning staff
- Workforce- Plymouth’s approach to aligning the workforce challenge facing health and social care services with our economic development agenda is cited as ambitious but delivering good benefits
- Funding and Resources- Plymouth’s Integrated Fund and risk sharing arrangements is highlighted as a positive approach to managing budgets to deliver better outcomes for people
- Information sharing/IT- the development of our shared service provider DELT is acknowledged as a key enabler for our local system

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### **4. MND Charter**

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Following on from Plymouth City Council’s recent adoption of the Motor Neurone Disease Charter, an awareness session has been arranged for councillors on: Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The session will be delivered by Kerry Palmer (Regional Care Development Adviser for Cornwall, Devon & Somerset Motor Neurone Disease Association) and Linda Parry (Motor Neurone Disease Association visitor) and will cover:

- What is MND?
- The impact the disease has on people’s lives.
- A carer’s perspective
- How charter adoption can make a positive difference and how councillors can help
- How the Motor Neurone Disease Association helps people who are diagnosed with MND and their families

Members can then continue to champion this agenda in their local communities.