



*In this edition of my Chair's Report, I talk about the LGA green paper for adult social care and wellbeing and encourage you to review the options proposed for funding. I also look at the NHS Continuing HealthCare national framework and how these changes affect our borough. I encourage readers to take part in Thrive LDN's sharing stories engagement and finally I report back the consultation findings from the Learning Disabilities week we held in June 2018.*

*Best wishes,  
**Cllr Maureen Worby, Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board***

## **LGA Green paper for adult social care and wellbeing**

The Local Government Association (LGA) have released a 'green paper for adult social care and wellbeing' for consultation ahead of the governments green paper due for publication in autumn.

The LGA wish to 'build cementum for a debate' and try to get a clearer sense of which changes are most important and acceptable.

The green paper focuses on wide range of aspects related to health and social care and includes options for change and how they can be funded.

It highlights that the challenge of meeting demand with dwindling resources has 'taken adult social care to the brink'. Age UK estimate that 1.4million older people do not receive the help they require. Unmet and under-met need can lead to conditions worsening and can reduce wellbeing and ability to stay in employment or to juggle family commitments.

The green paper and consultation questions can be found here:

<https://futureofadultsocialcare.co.uk/>.

The deadline for response is 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

A short background film is available here:

<https://futureofadultsocialcare.co.uk/>

## NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC)

On 1 March 2018, the Department of Health and Social Care published revisions to the National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) and NHS-funded Nursing Care with associated tools and has subsequently made further revisions to the guidance following consultation with the sector. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have until October 2018 to adopt the new guidance.

NHS continuing healthcare' means a package of ongoing care that is arranged and funded solely by the NHS where the individual has been found to have a 'primary health need' as set out in guidance. Such care is provided to an individual aged 18 or over (Children and Young People are assessed under a different clinical framework), to meet needs that have arisen because of disability, accident or illness. Eligibility for NHS continuing health-care now places no limit on the settings in which the package of support can be offered or on the type of service delivery.

### Headlines changes

There is clarify in several policy areas, including:

- Setting out that the majority of NHS Continuing Healthcare assessments should take place outside of acute hospital settings to support accurate assessments of need and reduce unnecessary stays in hospital.
- Provides additional advice for staff on when individuals do and do not need to be screened for NHS Continuing Healthcare to reduce unnecessary assessment processes and respond to a call for greater clarity on this.
- Clarifies the main purpose of three and 12-month reviews is to review the appropriateness of the care package, rather than reassess eligibility. This should reduce unnecessary re-assessments
- Introduces new principles for CCGs regarding the local resolution process for situations where individuals request a review of an eligibility decision. The aim is to resolve such situations earlier and more consistently.

### For the borough the new guidance means:

- The new guidance gives the opportunity to develop a funding framework for the council and CCG, for integrated packages of care for the most vulnerable.
- The definition of a social care need has been updated in alignment with the Care Act 2014, making it clearer and narrower.
- Guidance on the nature of annual CHC reviews has been significantly improved, which is more responsive to changing needs
- The make-up of the multidisciplinary team has been clarified so that social workers will now be part of the multidisciplinary team going forward.
- The Framework strengthens the guidance around CCGs' commissioning responsibilities, it outlines the rights of individuals to have their assessed health and social care needs fully met by the CCG, considering the person's preferences and without unreasonable restrictions being in place.
- It has been made clear that where CHC processes are outsourced to Commissioning Support Units, CCGs remain responsible for all decisions of eligibility.

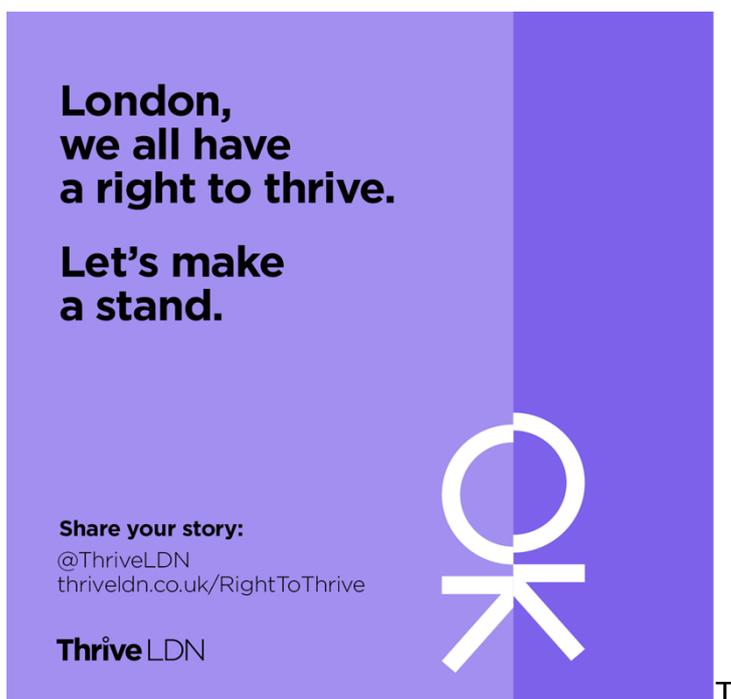
For more information on the impact of the changes to CHC please contact [clare.brutton@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:clare.brutton@lbbd.gov.uk)

## Thrive LDN

In the last chairs report I set out what Thrive LDN is - a citywide movement to improve the mental health and wellbeing of all Londoners. It is supported by the Mayor of London and led by the London Health Board the scheme aims to deliver the following aspirations;

- To be a city where individuals and communities take the lead
- To be a city free from mental health stigma and discrimination.
- To pride on being a city that maximises the potential of children and young people.
- A city with a happy, healthy and productive5 workforce.
- To be a city with services that are available when and where they are needed.
- To be a zero-suicide city.

As part of this, a 'right to thrive' project has commenced. This looks at how discrimination and inequality impact on Londoners' mental wellbeing so that partners can work together to address these issues.



This first stage of this project asks for Londoners to share stories in a safe and confidential way through a secure platform: <https://thriveLDN.co.uk/righttothrive/>

It would be helpful if you could

- share this link with your networks or any individuals or organisations who you think may be interested,
- promote on social media,
- or take part yourself.

For more information please contact [clare.brutton@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:clare.brutton@lbbd.gov.uk)

## Learning Disabilities week 2018



### Outcomes from consultations

This year learning disabilities week across Barking and Dagenham took place during Mon 18 – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018. Royal Mencap's theme for the week was 'Treat me well', a campaign to transform how the NHS treats people with a learning disability in hospital and to highlight how simple adjustments can make a big difference.

Three Healthwatch consultation events were held to capture the thoughts and experiences of those who do not normally engage. The events were designed for people to feedback their experience around their treatment in a hospital/health setting.

Areas highlighted:

- Patient transport and the ability to have carers with the service user
- Blood tests – confusion around what service is offered at Queens and Kings, and the appointment system available for those with disabilities. Difficulties with users not wanting blood tests
- Communication – Ensuring all consultants are good at explaining health issues, so patients don't feel confused or rushed. The interpretation service is delivered by video and therefore not always seen as a user friendly one.
- Learning Disability hospital passport – Individuals were not aware of the passport. Carers wanted further information on these.
- Buzzer system – Users found a buzzer system which now was not available, was helpful for those who found waiting difficult.

The results of these findings and any actions taken will be fed back through the Learning Disability Partnership Board and a joint presentation between Healthwatch and commissioners has been scheduled to take place at the HWBB in September. The findings will also be shared with Royal Mencap who led on the campaign.

### Future Dates for the Health and Wellbeing Board

- 07 November 2018
- 15 January 2019
- 12 March 2019
- 11 June 2019