

The future of social care: opportunity, risk, ambition and the role of technology

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A bit about ADASS



- ADASS is a charity.
- Our Vision is for a ***compassionate and respectful society that enables independence, wellbeing and participation in community life.***
- Our Mission is to be a ***leading voice of adult social care, working in partnership with people to help transform their experience of care and support.***

Our Priorities

Sustainable Personalised Care & Health Systems

The Care We Want: Care Markets

Social Justice & Inclusion

- Influencing government, policy makers & developing materials to support our members.
- High ambition for the future & practical reality that many areas are in crisis.

‘Fix the crisis in social care once and for all’.



- Continued uncertainty over Green / White Paper and long term funding of ASC.
- Pessimism amongst Directors of Social Care increasing, particularly from 2020/21.
- Adult social care budgets overly reliant upon time-limited funding streams, e.g. iBCF, BCF, winter pressures funding.

ADASS Budget Survey Headlines

- £700m savings planned to adult social care budgets in 2019/20.
- £7.7bn cumulative savings since 2010.
- 39% of DASSs stated biggest pressure to ASC budgets from **working age adults** (17% in 2017/18).
- ***DASSs least confident about meeting statutory duties relating to care market sustainability*** (62% 2019/20, 79% 2020/21)

Social care is about people, not numbers...



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0005jpf/panorama-crisis-in-care-part-1-who-cares>

Beyond the money...

- Home care closures impacted upon **7,019 people** in 2018/19, up from 3,290 in 2017/18 (+113%).
- Care home closures impacted upon **1,173 people** in 2018/19, down from 2,095 people in 2017/18.
- Contract handbacks from providers impacted upon **310 people** in care homes and **3,464 people** in home care in 2018/19.

Adult Social Care Workforce

- Why is Social Care consistently referred to as a drain on the economy?
- Why is care work still referred to in the context of a minimum wage occupation?
- How can we be confident that there will be care workers to care for us when we're older?
- Is our workforce held in the same esteem as the NHS by the public and professionals? If not, why not?
- Are we actively participating in creating an un-sustainable system for the long term?

Technology transforming lives

- Can transform the lives of people with care and support needs.
- Enables people to remain in control and therefore independent.
- It can in some cases complement, and in others replace, care in the home.



Financial context

- Technology can be part of a long term sustainable funding solution.
- Technology can make budgets go further.
- We need to make a case to Government for investment to save.



Re-designed services

- Information and advice
- Asset based
- Independence
- Individuals
- Partnerships



What about the future?

- Do we think that our current adult social care model is going to last for the next 5, 10 years or generation?
- Are care markets evolving to meet the needs and aspirations of individuals and their families?
- Is the current model what you would want for you and your family?

**Older and disabled people need dignified,
high quality care and support. When
properly resourced it works.**

**As a nation we must make this an
immediate priority. A thriving economy and
a caring nation requires it.**