



Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) response to the Health Professionals Council (HPC) consultation on the Standards of Proficiency for Social Workers in England.

The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) represents Directors of Adult Social Services in Local Authorities in England. As well as having statutory responsibilities for the commissioning and provision of social care, including the safeguarding of vulnerable adults, ADASS members often also share a number of responsibilities for housing, leisure, libraries, culture and the arts, community services and increasingly, children social care within their local authority.

ADASS was pleased to be involved in the preparation of the HPC Standards of Proficiency. They have a specific function in respect of registration of Social Workers, and are complementary to the 'Professional Capabilities Framework for Social Workers in England' developed by the Social Work Reform Board, which aims to support professional learning and career development. We believe that these standards will deliver the required and necessary minimum for safe and effective practice.

In addition, ADASS believes that the standards:-

- Are consistent with legal requirements under the Equalities Act 2010
- Are consistent with the standard content of pre-registration education and training, and
- Are written in clear language with the level of detail appropriate to the role.

ADASS commends these draft Standards of Proficiency for consultation and subsequent adoption by the Health Professions Council.