



Consultation on the Registration Cycle for Social Workers in England

Response from the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services

1. Background

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, ADASS members often also share a number of responsibilities for the commissioning and provision of housing, leisure, library, culture, arts and community services within their Councils.

ADASS welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the Health Professions Council's consultation on the 'Registration Cycle for Social Workers in England.'

2. Comments

- 2.1 Clarity is needed upon re-registration being increased to two yearly and whether the re-registration requirements will be adjusted accordingly.
- 2.2 ADASS is concerned regarding the increase in registration fee from £30 to £76 alongside the increase in registration frequency. This is of particular concern given current financial constraints being faced by individuals.
- 2.3 The shift to achievement of outcomes is significant. ADASS would like to see further exploration of methodology by which this is ascertained and evidenced.