

End of Life Care

Work programme 2016/18

ADASS Vision for the future of adult social care services

The ADASS paper “Distinctive, Valued, Personal” (March 2015) sets out our future vision adult social care services in which we want to see a system that is protected, aligned, and re-designed. To achieve this there are five immediate priorities for action to build a stronger future:

1. For central government to ensure that social care funding is protected and aligned with the NHS, including making provision for the £4.3billion gap in social care funding by 2020 alongside the £8 billion gap in health service funding over the same period.
2. For all parties across the social care sector to focus relentlessly on ensuring that the level of quality is sufficient and that no services cause harm.
3. To ensure that new social and health care delivery models prioritise the need for:
 - Good information and advice to enable us to look after ourselves and each other and to get the right help at the right time as our needs change.
 - Recognition that we are all interdependent and we need to build supportive relationships and resilient communities.
 - Services that help us get back on track after illness or support disabled people to be independent.
 - When we do need care and support, we need services that are personalised; of good quality; address our mental, physical and other forms of wellbeing; and are much better joined-up around our individual needs and those of our carers. Personal budgets are central to this approach.
4. Heightening the efforts of all parties across the social care sector to build a sustainable workforce to deliver this model.
5. To strengthen local accountability and innovation by developing local Health and Wellbeing Boards as the vehicles where partners bring together and lead commissioning, market shaping, resource allocation and service delivery.

National EoLC work programme

Leads	Simon Pearce & John Powell
Ambition	Working with partners to implement the Ambitions for Palliative and EoLC national framework to ensure all citizens have the following experience <i>“I can make the last stage of my life as good as possible because everyone works together confidently, honestly and consistently to help me and the people who are important to me, including my carer(s)”</i>
Objectives	Supporting the social care sector to ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each person is seen as an individual • Each person gets fair access to care • Maximising comfort and wellbeing • Care is coordinated • All staff are prepared to care • Each community is prepared to help
Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting implementation of the Care Act • Improving commissioning and assessment through implementation of the EoLC Charter • Focusing on an evidence based approach through collaboration with National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Public Health England (PHE) colleagues • Improving quality in care homes • Embedding personalisation in social care and supporting health colleagues to implement Personal Health Budgets (PHBs)
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through regular reports to the ADASS Executive

Key areas of focus

Topic	Status	Due date	Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing communication channels for professionals to share good practice and seek support with difficult issues and to promote new ways of working 	In progress	Ongoing	JP / SP / TB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximise opportunities for Health & Wellbeing Boards in each locality to pursue collaborative working 	In progress	Ongoing	JP / SP / TB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring through the role of the Principal Social Worker (PSW) with a view to maximising the social care input around EoLC 	In progress	Ongoing	JP / SP / TB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that hospital discharge initiatives embed choice within their culture and approach 	In progress	Ongoing	JP / SP / TB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with partners to enhance the EoLC experience of residential and nursing home residents 	In progress	Ongoing	JP / SP / TB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Championing the inclusion of EoLC priorities in STP plans 	In progress	Ongoing	JP / SP / TB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enabling connections with national initiatives and provide a vehicle to contribute to the broader discussion 	In progress	Ongoing	JP / SP / TB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benchmark against the Charter for EoLC that sets out expectations of local authorities 	In progress	Ongoing	JP / SP / TB