

Closing remarks

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Key messages – Wow, wow, wow

- Thanks to everyone, the ADASS team, our sponsors, our partners and each of you
- Free flowing – putting the vice in vice president
- Themes that resonate
 - Covid has extract a terrible price, individuals, communities, orgs & staff
 - We have heard/had some challenges which we cant overlook. Some of these national, some system and some personal
 - Annas challenge to us about our 'Teams' : Amys challenge to ensure we genuinely hear the voices of people we support: Kates account of the 'Pen pictures' approach all highlight the vulnerability of what we do. - But each also highlighted what worked, being able to be in control, genuine coproduction and how if you want to make it work at a system as in Shropshire it can work.
- We still await government direction, 1 year on we await that 'fix' but also it should now be easier given all the collective work done on what is needed

Key messages

- Its also shown such a positive light on the impact we have
 - System leadership, creative, supportive, authorative, sensitive
 - Realisation of the value/contribution that communities make, the value of Trust and empowerment and creativity
 - Shown the importance and value of co-production
 - So we have an opportunity to go forth with passion, confidence and assertion about what we do and the impact we have..... We can and do make a difference

My challenge to you

- Be brave leaders, be proud leaders but most of all be outwardly passionate about what you and your systems/staff and communities do. Like you I'm sure ... I am so proud of the work my staff, council and communities have done during this time
- Shout loudly both about the challenges faced but also and really importantly the positive impact supporting communities and individuals to live safe but good lives we all have.
- Should loudly for reform, shout passionately about the role we can and do play in this and finally go out with a swagger
- We do it, we can do it , we will do it.
- Thank you all and we look forward to continue to work with you