

#NCASC24 – Programme

(as of 20 November 2024)

Spotlight – Spotlight sessions bring a particular focus on good practice taking place in Councils

Wednesday 27 November		
8.30am	Registration, exhibition opening and refreshments	
9.05 – 9.50am <i>Exhibition Hall</i>	Big Chat 1 – Together for Gloriously Ordinary Lives Speakers: Richard Currie and Hannah Cummins, Co-production leads at Stockport Council; Sarah Dillon, Director of Social Care, Stockport Council; Martin Routledge, Social Care Future and Tricia Nicholl, Gloriously ordinary lives	
10.00 – 11.00am	Plenary session	
<i>Auditorium</i>	P1	Conference opening Melanie Williams , President, Association of Directors of Adult Social Services Andy Smith , President, Association of Directors of Children’s Services Cllr Arooj Shah , Chair, LGA Children & Young People’s Board Cllr David Fothergill , Chairman, LGA Community Wellbeing Board
11.05am – 12.05pm	Workshop sessions	
<i>Room 11</i>	WW1	Spotlight We are all P.E.O.P.L.E: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and co-production In this session we explore why co-production relies on diversity to be effective and how diversity is a key principle of co production. Building on the findings from SCIE’s Co-production Week around the theme of ‘What’s Missing?’ a SCIE report found more diverse voices and hearing a wider range of views was missing from co-production. We explore how to make this a reality, demystify some key themes around EDI and hear an example of co-production and EDI in action from people with lived experience and the Integrated Director of Commissioning of Adults Services at Greenwich Council for an interactive Q&A. Isaac Samuels Co-Chair , National Co Production Advisory Group (NCAG) Paula Sardinha , National Co Production Advisory Group (NCAG) Kate Pieroudis , Co-production Adviser, TLAP Lisa Wilson , Integrated Director of Commissioning, Royal Borough of Greenwich
<i>Room 12</i>	WW2	Working with the Care Act when under financial pressure

		<p>Principal Social Workers have a key role within social care around promoting and maintaining quality care and support within their area - but how do you do that when resources are scarce? This session will launch guidance developed by the PSW network on this topic and aim to use the session to discuss with audience members the advice the guidance contains, and how to put it into practice. Our speakers include someone with lived expertise of caring and will speak about the impact of scarce social care resources on carers.</p> <p>Hannah Scaife, PSW South Gloucestershire Council and Co-chair of the PSW Adult Network</p> <p>Amy Hurst, PSW Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council and Co-chair of the South West Regional PSW Network</p> <p>Amanda Threlfall, a carer with lived experience.</p> <p>Chair: Lyn Romeo, former Chief Social Worker for Adults.</p>
1B	WW3	<p>In Their Own Words: Key messages on 5 priority areas for action from care experienced young people</p> <p>In this session, speakers share local and national asks on 5 topics that have been selected as priority areas for action for care leavers by the Young People's Benchmarking Forum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Cost of Living 2) Safe and affordable accommodation 3) Access to health and mental health 4) Support post 21 and 25 5) Creating communities of support for care leavers <p>The session will include a discussion which will focus on what action audience members can take in their roles.</p> <p>Victoria Odude - Young People's Benchmarking Forum Representative, NLCBF, Catch22</p> <p>Rosia McCusker Young People's Benchmarking Forum Champion, NLCBF, Catch22</p> <p>Harley Crolla Young People's Benchmarking Forum Sessional Worker National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum, NLCBF, Catch22</p> <p>Chair: Hannah McCowen, National Leaving Care Benchmarking Forum Manager, Catch22</p>
Room 3	WW4	<p>40% of victims of sexual offences are children: Closing the gap between the sexual abuse of children and the identification and protection response</p> <p>A significant gap remains between the number of children suffering sexual abuse and the much smaller number who receive a response from services. The CSA Centre is the only organisation collating multi-agency data to build a picture of identification and response to sexual abuse and understand the changing trends. In this collaborative workshop, they will share the Data Insights Hub, providing more ways to interrogate and understand local practice in the identification of and response to child sexual abuse. It empowers professionals and commissioners to ask better questions and, ultimately, make better decisions about how to help children and families.</p> <p>Suzanne Taylor, Practice Improvement Advisor, Centre of</p>

		<p>expertise on child sexual abuse</p> <p>Kairika Karsna, Principal Research and Evaluation Officer, Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse</p> <p>Lisa McCrindle, Assistant Director, Policy, Communications & Strategic Influence, Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse</p> <p>Chair: April Bald, Director of Operations Children's Care and Support, London Borough of Barking and Dagenham</p>
1C	WW5	<p>No recourse to public funds - meeting need in a challenging funding and policy environment</p> <p>This workshop provides leaders in Adult Social Care and Children's Services with an opportunity to consider how to safeguard the welfare and promote the well-being of families and adults with care needs who have no recourse to public funds when resources are scarce and immigration restrictions create destitution risks.</p> <p>The workshop will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why a targeted response is necessary • Working with the Home Office to expedite case resolution through NRPf Connect • Best practice in service delivery • Achieving policy and funding change <p>The workshop will include short presentations and space to reflect and discuss key practice questions.</p> <p>Henry St Clair Miller - Head of NRPf, Refugee and Migrant Services, Islington Council</p> <p>Catherine Houlcroft – Service Lead, NRPf Network, hosted by Islington Council</p> <p>Chair: Ian Swift - Director of Housing Operations and Deputy Corporate Director, Islington Council</p>
Room 4	WW6	<p>Improving transitions for carers from Children's to Adult Services</p> <p>This session will help attendees better understand how they can improve transitions for young carers and parent carers from Children's to Adult Services, and ensure compliance with their duties in this area under the Care Act and Children Act.</p> <p>The session will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of common challenges and barriers being faced by councils in relation to transitions • Insight into the experiences of carers during transition and practice examples from councils • Information on the resources available to help local authorities improve transitions • An extended forum for councils to share experiences/ideas and identify future support needs <p>Andy McGowan - Policy and Practice Manager, Carers Trust</p> <p>Freya Gray - Young Adult Carer</p> <p>David Brooks - Young Carers Team Manager, Children, Young People and Learning Team, West Sussex County Council</p>

		Chair: Amanda Stride , Deputy Director - Local Authority Assessment Delivery, Care Quality Commission
12.15 – 1.15pm	Sub-plenary sessions	
2F	WS1	<p>Implementing the new workforce strategy for adult social care</p> <p>Skills for Care led the development of the Adult Social Care Workforce Strategy for England, for the sector, by the sector. Launched in July 2024 we are now 4 months into the implementation phase. At this session, we'll identify local examples of best practice in implementing the strategy and hear from the people leading this good work, to support the audience in implementing the strategy themselves. We'll also hear the important and inspiring perspective of someone who draws on care and support.</p> <p>Dr Clenton Farquharson CBE, Associate Director of Think Local Act Personal (TLAP) Board</p> <p>Caroline Baria, Director of Adults and Health, Leeds City Council</p> <p>Beverley Tarka, Director of Adults, Health and Communities, Haringey Council and ADASS Immediate Past President</p> <p>Chair: Sir David Pearson - Co-chair of the workforce strategy steering group and former ADASS President, who led the Government taskforce on COVID-19 in the social care sector</p>
2N	WS2	<p>Spotlight - Families First for Children Pathfinder – learning and reflections</p> <p>The session will cover the experience of implementing Families First for Children Pathfinder from the perspective of wave 1 & 2 Local Authorities and partner agencies. There will be a focus on policy of DfE and what this means in practice. The session will aim to cover how the wave 1 and wave 2 experiences has enabled and achieved whole system change across local authority areas and including partner agencies. The session will also look to cover early findings from new ways of working particularly around child protection, family help and family networks. Focussing improved outcomes for children and their families.</p> <p>Alison Hinds, Director of Children's Services, City of Wolverhampton Council</p> <p>Colleen Male, Director of Children's Services, Walsall Council</p> <p>Helen Waite, Deputy Director, Department for Education</p> <p>Chair: Nigel Minns, Director of Children's Services, Warwickshire County Council</p>
1.15 – 2.15pm Exhibition Hall	Lunch and exhibition	
1.20 – 2.05pm Exhibition Hall	<p>Big Chat 2 – Think Family: Collaborative working across the life span</p> <p>Chaired by Jak Savage MB in conversation with the chairs of the PSW adult and children's networks</p>	
2.15 – 3.15pm	Plenary session	
Auditorium	P2	Transitions – is it working for anyone? An honest conversation on the challenges, and what we can do about

		<p>it</p> <p>ADASS and IMPOWER have collaborated on a report that aims to promote collaboration and actionable insights on improving the transition experience for young people from children’s to adult services for people with Autistic Spectrum Conditions, learning disabilities, and with mental health support needs. Drawing on the lived experience of young adults and their families, this session will highlight positive experiences and lessons learned from multiple areas to illustrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How local areas are pioneering to support better outcomes for young people as they prepare for adulthood • Areas in which targeted investment could help to support local areas to enhance support in preparing for adulthood • Proposed policy or legislative changes that could support more effective transitions for children and young people into adulthood. <p>Kirstie Kerr, SENDCo</p> <p>Debbie Crosson, IMPOWER</p> <p>Shelia Murphy, Director of Children’s Services, Thurrock Council</p> <p>Chair: Melanie Williams, President of ADASS</p>
3.15 – 3.45pm Exhibition Hall	Refreshments and exhibition	
3.45 – 4.45pm	Workshop sessions	
Room 11	WW7	<p>Spotlight Having an IMPACT on waiting lists in the East Midlands: Coproducing change with people with lived experience and frontline professionals</p> <p>ASC waiting lists profoundly affect policy, practice and people. The health and wellbeing of people drawing on care and support deteriorates as needs remain unmet. Carers well-being is increasingly compromised, as is the sustainability of the caring role. Staff report stress and low morale as they balance demand against capacity.</p> <p>Through co-production with people with lived experience and frontline staff, IMPACT and EMADASS have developed guidance to enhance well-being and improve partnerships, systems and processes to address the impact of waiting lists.</p> <p>Project contributors share their experiences, the co-production process and the outcomes achieved to inspire improvement across social care.</p> <p>Raj Gill-Harrison - Chair of the project steering group - presenting people with lived experience perspective.</p> <p>Jon Wilson – Director of Adults and Communities – Leicestershire County Council.</p> <p>Sarah Morris – Principal Social Worker for Adults – North Northamptonshire Council.</p> <p>Chair: Lorraine Mighty – Senior Strategic Improvement Coach – IMPACT (Improving Adult Care Together).</p>
Room 12	WW8	Mental Health - Future challenges and opportunities

		<p>Mental health services in England received a record 5 million referrals during 2023 (up 33% from 2019), with the number of people in contact with mental health services steadily rising.</p> <p>Local authorities are key to delivering mental health care and support in the community. This session will look at how councils can build and maintain partnerships at a time when they are under increasing strain, build community resilience and address the sectors readiness for reform of the Mental Health Act and the move towards Community Mental Health. The session will also discuss how to achieve successful transitions between children and adult mental health services.</p> <p>Cath Gormally, Director for Adult Services and Wellbeing, Calderdale Council. Co-chair ADASS Mental Health Policy Network</p> <p>J Ahmed, Expert by experience</p> <p>Nigel Minns, Warwickshire County Council Executive Director for Children and Young People, and Chair of the ADCS Health, Care and Additional Needs Policy Committee</p> <p>Chair: Cllr Arooj Shah, Chair, LGA Children & Young People's Board</p>
1B	WW9	<p>"Some love, man": Perspectives on Adult Safeguarding & Homelessness</p> <p>Centring human stories, this session will explore policy, practice and lived experience around adult safeguarding, homelessness and multiple disadvantage. With a commitment to social justice embedded throughout, the session will start with the stark picture painted by the 2nd National SAR Analysis, moving on to outline opportunities for radical safeguarding and integrated care and finishing with insights from lived experience to inspire hopefulness into action. The session will then invite the audience to reflect on and ask questions about the themes outlined by speakers.</p> <p>Professor Michael Preston-Shoot, Convenor of the National SAB Chairs Network</p> <p>Gill Taylor, ICS Inclusion Health Programme Lead - Pathway UK</p> <p>Khosru Miah, Community Member - The People's Recovery Project</p> <p>Chair: Melanie Williams, President - ADASS</p>
1C	WW10	<p>What works for children at risk of violence? An overview of evidence based interventions for children's services supporting children involved in, or at risk of violence</p> <p>This workshop will provide an overview of the Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) and its mission to reduce serious youth violence. It will introduce attendees to the YEF Toolkit, which summaries the evidence of what works to prevent serious youth violence. We will demonstrate how the Toolkit works and how it can support children's services to develop support packages for children at risk of violence. We will provide examples of where interventions have been successfully put into practice, and opportunity for debate and discussion on challenges of using evidence-based interventions and examples of success.</p> <p>Gail Gibbons - Head of Change - Children's Services & Health,</p>

		<p>YEF</p> <p>Elisha Coates - Senior Evidence & Engagement Manager, YEF</p>
Room 3	WW11	<p>Spotlight - Creating a parenting movement</p> <p>We will share our learning from creating a universal parenting service to improve outcomes for children and families, with a focus on early intervention. Exploring creative approaches to funding and shared values across Public Health, Children's Services and NHS services. We will explore how we have created a new service that builds community resilience, creates volunteer opportunities and starting to develop pathways to employment. We will share parents voices in how this approach has improved their parenting but also their perception of early help and statutory services and examples of success.</p> <p>Laura Devereux - Chair Early Intervention Service Manager, London Borough of Sutton</p> <p>Theresa Cameron - Parenting Co-ordinator London Borough of Sutton</p> <p>Kimberley Coombes, Parenting Support Worker, London Borough of Sutton</p> <p>Nyssa Smith - Parent Group Leader London Borough of Sutton</p>
Room 4	WW12	<p>Fosterlink – improving the recruitment of foster carers in your local authority</p> <p>Fosterlink is a DfE funded project working with 35 local authorities to help them identify areas for service and practice improvements in foster care recruitment and approvals. The project is delivered by Mott Macdonald in partnership with Coram and runs between January 2024 and April 2025. This session will explore the Fosterlink project, sharing key themes and lessons learnt and explore potential solutions and improvements.</p> <p>There will be an in-depth question and answer and a discussion about what else is needed to improve recruitment and approval of foster carers. At the end of the session attendees will be signposted to key resources from the programme that can be used in their local area, including a diagnostic tool to self-assess their own recruitment and approval practices.</p> <p>Kevin Yong – Coram-I and lead for the development of diagnostic tool</p> <p>Catriona Holland, – Project Manager, Mott MacDonald</p> <p>Caterina Robinson, Fostering and Supported Accommodation Service Manager, City of Wolverhampton Council</p> <p>Chair: Chris Senior – Fostering Lead, Department for Education</p>
4:50pm – 5:35pm	P3 Plenary session – Children’s Minister - TBC	
5.40 – 6.40pm	ADCS members meeting – ADCS members only	
5.40 – 6.40pm	LGA Political group meetings/ closed meetings	

	Labour Group meeting	
	Conservative Group meeting	
	Liberal Democrat Group meeting	
	Independent Group meeting	
5:35pm – 7.00pm	Drinks reception sponsored by Channel 3, Lilli and Sentinel Partners	
Thursday 28 November		
8.15am	Registration, exhibition and refreshments	
8.25 – 9.25am	<p>Breakfast fringe session</p> <p>The children’s social care placements market is broken. How can we respond locally and nationally?</p> <p>IMPOWER have worked with representatives across the sector to develop a report which sets out a response to the challenges with the commissioning of care for children and young people. Members of the Advisory Panel and IMPOWER will share key insights and recommendations.</p> <p>Lucy Butler, Director of South East Regional Care Cooperative</p> <p>Harvey Gallagher, National Association of Fostering Providers</p> <p>Dominic Luscombe, Director, IMPOWER consulting</p> <p>Chair: Colin Foster, Chief Executive, Northamptonshire Children’s Trust</p>	
	TBC	
9.30 – 10.30am	Workshop sessions	
Room 11	TW13	<p>Spotlight - Making direct payments a true vehicle for self directed support (TBC)</p> <p>The session will address the barriers to direct payments enabling people to control their own lives and support, and what can be done to overcome them. Speakers will share some guidance based on work done locally, the experience of a direct payments user, and an example where one local authority is putting it into practice,</p> <p>Martin Walker, Head of Practice Development self-directed support, Think Local Act Personal</p> <p>Lisa Wilson, Integrated Commissioning Director Health and Adult Services, Royal Borough of Greenwich</p> <p>Jenny Hurst, User of direct payments and Greenwich resident</p> <p>Chair: Simon Williams, Director of Social Care Improvement Partners in Care and Health</p>
Room 12	TW14	<p>The Prevention Paradigm - using innovation to shift from crisis response to the right support in the community for autistic people and people with a learning disability</p> <p>Against a backdrop of increasing need for care and support amongst autistic people and people with a learning disability, commissioning preventative services – which provide early support and can reduce the escalation of need – is now receiving greater attention in national policy. However, it can be hard to see how to achieve this when budgets are under continual pressure. This session aims to create positive energy and ideas for commissioners and practitioners considering their approaches to prevention, by highlighting positive examples of local authorities which have engaged with this issue, encouraging delegates to</p>

		<p>share their own examples and experiences.</p> <p>Simon Froud, Director of Adult Social Services, Telford and Wrekin Council</p> <p>Fazeela Hafejee, Assistant Director – Adults with Disabilities, City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council</p> <p>Tom Noon, Chair, Cordis Bright</p> <p>Sarah McMinn, Autism Initiatives</p> <p>Christine Bakewell, Deputy Director, Community Development, Learning Disability and Autism Programme</p>
1B	TW15	<p>Supporting Children and Families Returning Home from Care</p> <p>NSPCC will look at how both National policy makers and local authorities can better support children and families returning home from care. They will cover the need for National direction on reunification and also showcase examples of effective tools that local authorities can draw on to help kickstart their reunification work, such as the NSPCC Practice Framework.</p> <p>Coventry reunification team will also present on how their journey for increasing support for families where reunification is possible has improved outcomes and also saved them money. Coventry’s reunification team was set up in 2021 to provide better wrap around support for children and families where reunification is a viable option. Through intensive, and sometimes long term, support for families, the reunification team has increased the number of stable reunifications in the local authority and calculated cost avoidance of £2million per year.</p> <p>Matt Clayton Strategic Lead at Coventry Council</p> <p>Helen Gazola, Associate Head of Development and Impact at the NSPCC</p> <p>Michelle Maybury</p>
Room 3A	TW16	<p>Spotlight Embedding a systematic local approach to Inclusive Practice across a local authority’s schools and academies</p> <p>Within the context of increasingly complex needs and rising exclusions, we cover a town wide creative approach to reducing PEX and supporting local inclusion with appropriate resourcing and capacity building. This includes a major drive on reducing inequalities in provision and outcomes across the diverse nature of the town. Through the National SEND Reform, we explore how the Local Area Inclusion Plan has led to the development of a common understanding and co-created actions across partners so that all children feel they belong and increasing complexity of need is accommodated.</p> <p>The workshop input shows the step by step journey. It allows discussion on using the SEND Transformation proactively and applying learning to overcome challenges.</p> <p>Sarah Jackson. Headteacher of Surrey Street Primary School, Luton</p> <p>Caroline Dawes, Head of Standards and Effectiveness, Luton Borough Council</p> <p>Paul Wagstaff, Director of Education, Luton Borough Council</p>

		Chair: Janice Altenor , Service Director for Quality & Improvements, Children Families & Education, Luton Borough Council
1C	TW17	<p>Managing demand in adult and children’s social care: Lessons from English local authorities.</p> <p>This interactive session will share innovation and good practice from English local authorities in managing rising demand for adult and children’s services, building on CIPFA’s publication featuring case studies covering market management, transitions, early intervention, and transformation. The first half of session will share headline findings; with DASS and DCS speaking about their featured case studies, good practice and innovation in demand management.</p> <p>The second half will open up to the audience to discuss opportunities, barriers, and solutions to demand management: one of the most pressing social care issues today. Applicable lessons will be drawn out for adult and children’s leaders.</p> <p>William Burns, Social Care Policy Advisor, CIPFA</p> <p>John Pearce, Corporate Director Children and Young People, Durham County Council and ADCS Immediate President</p> <p>Bernie Enright, Executive Director Adult Social Services, Manchester City Council</p> <p>Chair: Vicky Davis, Director, Local Government Value for Money, National Audit Office</p>
Room 4	TW18	<p>Addressing workforce challenges across the whole social work profession</p> <p>As the regulator of all social workers in England, we understand that workforce challenges in children’s and families and adult social services need to be addressed collectively across the whole profession.</p> <p>Join leaders from Social Work England and our national workforce roundtable to discuss why social workers are leaving the profession, the impact of unhelpful public portrayals and the disparity of experiences across different ethnic groups.</p> <p>We will share our independent research campaign to inform and educate the public on the value of social work, successful recruitment and retention initiatives and the opportunities and obstacles to a whole sector approach.</p> <p>Natalie Day, Assistant Director of Policy and Strategy, Social Work England</p> <p>Gillian Ruch, Professor of Social Work</p> <p>Robert Lewis, Mental Health Social Work Lead, Office of the Chief Social Worker for Adults</p> <p>Chair: Sarah Blackmore, Executive Director of Professional Practice and External Engagement, Social Work England</p>
10.30 – 11.00am Exhibition Hall	Refreshments and exhibition viewing	
11.00 – 12.15pm	Sub-Plenary sessions	
2F	TS3	Where next for adult social care and support? People and the sector driving change

		<p>In its pre-election Manifesto, Labour committed to undertaking a “programme of reform to create a National Care Service (NCS), underpinned by national standards, delivering consistency of care across the country”. Now in Government, there has – at the time of writing – been no further mention of building an NCS, and the main focus of the Health Mission so far has been on the NHS.</p> <p>For those of us drawing on care and support or working in the sector, it is not uncommon to sense a lack of urgency on, or priority for, adult social care at a national level. While no doubt frustrating, we should remind ourselves that – between us – we have many pieces of the puzzle already. We have a strong and shared sense of direction as articulated in the Social Care Future vision; we have an excellent framework for what good care and support looks like through Think Local Act Personal’s Making It Real statements; we have countless examples of innovative services designed and delivered in coproduction with people; and we have great ideas and ambition for a reformed system, many of which are captured through the ADASS Time To Act roadmap.</p> <p>In short, there is plenty we can be doing now that both supports people drawing on care to live a good life, and demonstrates the type of care and support system we want for the future. Furthermore, while the concept of a National Care Service is more at ‘blueprint’ than ‘nuts and bolts’ stage, there are things we could be advising the Government to do to improve the lives of people drawing on care and support.</p> <p>Join this session to hear experts’ views on the things we are collectively doing, or could be doing, which should play into the reform debate and the opportunities for wider leverage through developments such as the 10 Year Plan for Health. Share and contribute your own thoughts and perspectives to help create a discussion underpinned by hope and optimism.</p> <p>Melanie Williams, President, Association of Directors of Adult Social Services</p> <p>Anna Severwright, Co-convenor Social Care Future, Social Care Future</p> <p>Vic Rayner, Chief Executive, National Care Forum TBC</p> <p>Chair: Lead Member, LGA Community Wellbeing Board TBC</p>
2N	TS4	<p>Ofsted</p> <p>Session details TBC</p> <p>Sir Martyn Oliver, HMCI, Ofsted</p> <p>Yvette Stanley, National Director, Social Care, Ofsted</p> <p>Chair: Rachael Wardell, ADCS Vice President and Executive Director of Children, Families and Lifelong Learning, Surrey County Council</p>
12.15 – 1.55pm Exhibition Hall	Lunch and exhibition viewing	
1.00 – 1.45pm Exhibition Hall	<p>Big Chat 3 IMPOWER with Wybourn Community Primary School, Sheffield City Council</p> <p>Speakers: Jess Holmes, Hannah Thornley, Jenny Bingham, Hodan Sharif</p>	
1.55 – 2.40pm	Plenary session	
<i>Auditorium</i>	P5	<p>Stephen Kinnock MP Minister of State for Care, Department for Health and Social Care</p> <p>Cllr Louise Gittins, LGA Chair (Chair)</p>

		<p>Kate Sibthrop – National Co-production Advisory Group</p> <p>Melanie Williams, President, Association of Directors of Adult Social Services</p>
2.50 – 3.50pm	Workshop sessions	
Room 11	TW19	<p>Spotlight Strategic Change and Strengths-Based Approaches: Co-Production Every Step of the Way</p> <p>The session will highlight innovation, boldness and person-centred approaches used in South Tyneside and Buckinghamshire, partnering with SCIE, towards achieving ASC practice that embraces strengths-based approaches, driven by lived experience voices throughout. Workshop activities follow, using links between co-production and strengths-based approaches, including strategic co-production and co-production involvement in reviewing and evaluating outcomes.</p> <p>Astrid Hansen, Carer, SCIE</p> <p>Chair: Fiona Flowers, Head of Partnerships & Practice Improvement, Social Care Institute for Excellence</p>
Room 12	TW20	<p>Taking digital forward in your council - an interactive showcase on practical examples of digital innovation from councils</p> <p>Session details tbc</p> <p>Callum Graham Robertson, Bath and North East Somerset Council</p> <p>Kerry Topping, North East ADASS</p> <p>Simon Allen, Age UK Bath and North East Somerset</p> <p>Co Chair: Sarah Rank, Head of Digital Business Partnering from Norfolk County Council, Peter Zein, Kent County Council Co-chair adult social care digital group</p>
1B	TW21	<p>Care Closer to Home - Making a reality of early support</p> <p>This session will explore early support and prevention in leading to better outcomes for people and more efficient use of resources for systems. We will present compelling research from Alma Economics and Newton Europe that highlights the effectiveness of early support and prevention. Additionally, we will showcase the valuable insights gained from a community of practice, led by Newton Europe in partnership with Partners in Care and Health.</p> <p>Simon Williams, Director of Adult Social Care Improvement, Partners in Care and Health</p> <p>Chris Badger, Executive Director of Adult Care, Hertfordshire County Council and ADASS Resources lead</p> <p>Clenton Farquharson OBE, Assistant Director of Think Local Act Personal</p> <p>Chair: Clr Gillian Ford, Deputy Chair, LGA Community Wellbeing Board</p>
1C	TW22	<p>Using evidence to transform kinship care practice</p> <p>A workshop on the importance of supporting families and preserving family networks to keep children safe within the context of children's services. The session will discuss next steps for the Kinship Practice Guide, in line with the Children's</p>

		<p>Social Care National Framework, particularly regarding equality, diversity, and the implementation of family-led approaches. The session will utilise insights from national and local leaders to highlight strategies for maintaining family connections and supporting kinship families using the best available evidence. This interactive workshop will foster discussions around inclusive practices, emphasising the vital role of family networks in ensuring positive outcomes for children.</p> <p>Donna Molloy, Deputy Chief Executive, Foundations – What Works Centre for Children & Families</p> <p>Jahnine Davies Kinship Ambassador</p> <p>Amanda Perraton, DCS, Warrington and North-West Regional ADCS Chair</p> <p>Chair: Jenny Coles</p>
Room 3	TW23	<p>Support for children and young people with special educational needs - National Audit Office value for money report</p> <p>This session will allow delegates to discuss the findings of the NAO's recent report which assesses how well the current SEND system is delivering for children and young people (from birth to 25 years) in England identified as having SEN, as well as the DfE's progress in addressing the underlying challenges to providing a sustainable system that achieves positive outcomes for children.</p> <p>Emma Willson, Director, Education value for money, National Audit Office</p> <p>Heather Sandy, Chair ADCS Education Policy Committee</p> <p>Chair: Cllr Arooj Shah, Chair, LGA Children & Young People's Board</p>
Room 4	TW24	<p>RCC Pathfinders: An update from Greater Manchester & the South-East</p> <p>A key pillar of the DfE's children's social care reform programme is the development of regional care cooperatives (RCCs). This is an opportunity for delegates to hear from leaders in Greater Manchester and the South East who are pathfinding RCC arrangements. Speakers will explore both the opportunities and challenges of this new and evolving way of working, while sharing the early learning from two very different areas of the country.</p> <p>Colette Dutton, DCS Wigan and Greater Manchester RCC lead</p> <p>Lucy Butler, Director for the South East Regional Care Cooperative</p> <p>Mark Evans, Project Lead for SE RCC</p> <p>Jacob Botham, Children & Young People Lead, Greater Manchester Combined Authority</p>
3.50 – 4.20pm Exhibition Hall	Refreshments and exhibition	
4.20 – 5.20pm	Sub-plenary sessions	
2F	TS5	Women in care and inequalities

		<p>Details tbc</p> <p>Jess McGregor, ADASS Vice President</p> <p>Dr Sara Reis, Deputy Director, Women’s Budget Group</p> <p>Wyn Higham, Former carer and Carers UK volunteer</p> <p>Olivia Firth, Project Co-ordinator, Care Workers Charity</p>
2N	TS6	<p>Race, racism, ethnicity and protecting children: learning and change</p> <p>The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel is undertaking analysis of the impact of race, racism, and ethnicity on multi-agency practice where children have suffered serious harm or died. A report is due to be published later this year.</p> <p>The session will reflect on findings from this analysis, including the role of leaders in addressing discrimination, bias (including ‘adulthoodification’), racism, and ethnicity.</p> <p>The session will reflect on changes needed in practice (including policy implications) and the delivery of services to protect and help Black children from intra and extra familial harm.</p> <p>Speakers TBC</p>
5.25– 6.25pm	ADASS AGM	
5.45pm	LGA CYP Board - TBC	
Friday 29 November		
8.30am	Registration, exhibition and refreshments	
9.15 – 10.15am	Sub-plenary sessions	
2F	FS7	<p>CQC adult social care assurance: what learning do we take from the initial round of local authority assessments?</p> <p>In 2023, the Care Quality Commission began assessing how well councils are performing on their statutory duties under Part One of the 2014 Care Act. The return of regulation to the care and support sector is a significant development and this year's ADASS spring survey shows that more than a third of directors (35 per cent) believe they would receive a 'Requires improvement' rating if inspectors came on site tomorrow. So how can councils best prepare, what are the lessons to be learned from those councils who have been through the process, and what are the implications of the Penny Dash review for local authority assessment and CQC’s wider regulatory functions?</p> <p>Join this session to get the very latest learning and advice on how to go through the assessment process successfully while also understanding the wider national context.</p> <p>Jon Wilson, Director of Adults and Communities, Leicestershire County Council and Chair of the ADASS Improvement, Innovation and Assurance Group</p> <p>James Bullion, Interim Chief Executive, CQC</p> <p>Cllr Samia Chaudhary, Cabinet Member for Children, Education, Skills and Employment, LB Hounslow</p> <p>Chair: Cllr David Fothergill, Chairman, LGA Community</p>

		Wellbeing Board
2N	FS8	<p>Children’s social care reform: breaking down barriers to opportunity</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of the government’s ambitions to reform children’s social care and set out some of the proposals to update, review and renew the current underpinning legislative framework for children’s social care. The session will also contextualise how children’s social care reform relates to the government’s opportunity mission.</p> <p>Sophie Langdale, Portfolio Director, Children’s Social Care Reform, Department for Education</p> <p>Daniel Foster, Deputy Director, Children’s Social Care Strategy, Department for Education</p> <p>Andy Hudson, CSC Parliamentary Strategy and Legislation, Department for Education.</p> <p>Chair: Andy Smith, ADCS President</p>
10:15 – 10:45am Exhibition Hall	Refreshments and exhibition viewing	
10:15 – 10:45am	Big chat	
Exhibition Hall	<p>Coproducing leadership and commissioning, with Leicester City and IMPOWER</p> <p>Alex Fox, Delivery Director, IMPOWER, Kate Galoppi, Director of Adult Social Care and Commissioning, Leicester City Council, Mary Peberdy, expert by experience</p>	
10.45 – 11.45am	Workshop sessions	
Room 12	FW25	<p>Accelerating Reform Fund (ARF): How to enable scaling innovation in social care</p> <p>DHSC’s ARF is unique in funding ASC innovation scaling. It is designed to be a learning programme to understand ‘what works’ when implementing innovation and overcoming barriers.</p> <p>This session will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How SCIE support is convening and enabling LAs/LA projects including examples, sharing insights • LA lead: first six months’ learnings, overcoming barriers to innovation in practice, on-the-ground challenges • Co-production representative: practical application – what Fund’s impact means for ASC and unpaid carers more widely: innovation adoption, scale, spread • LSE: latest research into ASC innovation/challenges <p>This interactive workshop will share practical application from LSE, how to sustain innovation in practice, and share best practice using co-production in projects.</p> <p>Duc Tran, Transformation Programme Manager, North West London ICS</p> <p>Kevin Minier, ARF Co-production delivery team member</p>

		<p>Dr Juliette Malley, London School of Economics, author of 'Supporting Innovation in Adult Social Care'</p> <p>Chair: Kathryn Smith, CEO, Social Care Institute for Excellence</p>
1B	FW26	<p>The Future of Supported Housing</p> <p>Session details TBC</p> <p>Cathy Page, Deputy Director, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government</p> <p>Sue Ramsden, Policy Leader, National Housing Federation</p> <p>Sarah McClinton, Chief Executive and Director of Health and Adult Services and Chief Social Worker, Greenwich Council</p> <p>Chair - Cllr Gillian Ford, Deputy Chair, LGA Community Wellbeing Board</p>
Room 3	FW27	<p>Reimagining the Local Authority role in food security for 11-19 year olds – thinking outside the usual boxes</p> <p>Jenny Martin, Whole School Approaches To Food – Public Health, London Borough of Newham</p> <p>Kirsty Blenkins, Policy and Evidence Lead, Association for Young Peoples Health</p> <p>Chair: Andy Gold Head of Food Strategy, London Borough of Newham</p>
1C	FW28	<p>Empowering Personal Advisers to be the best support for care leavers - Become's PA Learning Programme</p> <p>Care leavers tell us they want to End the 'Care Cliff'. They deserve the best start in adult life and Leaving Care Personal Advisors are key to providing them with support and guidance. Become will showcase their PA Training Programme, including evaluation findings from a 4-year pilot. Young Trainers involved in the programme will outline how they shaped and delivered the training to PA's, to strengthen their knowledge and practice.</p> <p>Become will outline this innovative training model, show how training content links with the framework for inspecting LA Children's Services, and share how other Leaving Care Services can get involved.</p> <p>Katy Hudson, Training & Development Manager, Become</p> <p>Ira Hapkin, Young Trainer</p> <p>Chloe Grant, Director of Services at Become</p>
11.50am – 12.50pm	Plenary session	
Auditorium	<p>Developing a roadmap for the future: 10-Year Health Plan'</p> <p>Sally Warren, Director General for 10 year health plan, DHSC</p> <p>Rachael Wardell, ADCS Vice President</p> <p>Isaac Samuels, Co-Chair - National Co Production Advisory Group (NCAG)</p> <p>Cllr David Fothergill, Chairman, LGA Community Wellbeing Board</p> <p>Chair: Jess McGregor, ADASS Vice President</p>	
12.50 – 1.45pm	Lunch and exhibition viewing	
Exhibition Hall		