

**Association of Directors of Social Services
Regional Programme 2020/21
South East ADASS branch - 13th March 2020**

This revised and shorter report provides an update to DASSs on the Regional Programme. There are three sections:

- Decisions/action required by DASSs plus any key points of information
- Headline information for all networks and groups in the region
- A note about the Regional Programme - its purpose, priorities and funding arrangements

Decision/action required:

- 1) DASS Chair required for the Carers' Network – meets three times a year, supported by Claire Rachwal (Portsmouth) and John Bangs (Surrey)
- 2) CHC workshop to be held on 24th March at Broadway House. Two places per council including children's services representation. Names to Jane
- 3) Forced Marriage workshop to be held on Friday 27th March. Three places per council. ASC safeguarding leads and children's services rep are asked to attend. Names to Jane
- 4) Regional Workforce Group face to face meeting 12th May at Broadway House. Recent loss of county council representation and capacity for the Group. DASSs requested to nominate representation to the WF Group
- 5) Use of Resources – follow-up workshop led by John Jackson (LGA/CHIP) scheduled for 18th May at Broadway House. Three places per council. Names to Alison
- 6) The Housing LIN has completed or scheduled interviews at all councils in the region. Commissioned by DASSs, the Housing LIN will systematically analyse progress for each South East council and report with recommendations for improving planning and delivery of housing/supported accommodation. Draft report 31st March. Workshop confirmed for 19th June at Broadway House. Three places per council. Names to Alison
- 7) SE ADASS/Tunstall workshop 3rd September at the LGA. Examples of digital innovation to showcase at the workshop to Alison

For information:

- 8) Managing Transfers of Care – Grainne Siggins, DASS in Southampton will chair this Network
- 9) Laura Gaudion, IoW, and Sam Williams from East Sussex, are the two new AD co-chairs for the Commissioning and Market Development Network
- 10) ADASS Spring Seminar – the South East regional workshop will be Social Work for Better Mental Health (Graham Allen)
- 11) Support offer to DASSs. Three half day workshops – (i) engaging with health partners, (ii) engaging with elected members and corporate colleagues, (iii) shaping the ASC narrative. Dates tbc. Mentoring offer and request now in place

Headline information for all networks and groups in the region

Priority Area	Network/Group	What – the key areas of work	Timelines	Chair/Support
Commissioning	Commissioning and Market Development (C+MD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -strengthen strategic approaches at regional and council level as a key area of risk for SE -develop and support regional MoCs for sharing intelligence on provider failure and cross border commissioning -actively engage with ADASS led system resilience work including Allied, contingency planning for EU Exit etc 	-on-going	Rob Persey(B+H)/Laura Gaudion (IoW)/Sam Williams(ESussex)/Alison Blight
	Learning Disabilities + Autism (LD+A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -support shift from commissioning by hours to outcomes – LGA/CHIP funded project -support Transforming Care programme -LD+A fit in the ICS agenda -Autism – sample and sharing of future plans -Shared Lives analysis 	-commissioning project to Network 25.3.2020	Alan Sinclair(Slough)/Adam Payne(Bucks)/Robyn Noonan(Oxon)/Alison Blight
	C+MD/LD+A – joint workstream on housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -led by Housing LIN – LGA funded project to map progress in SE -recommendations for improving planning and delivery of housing/supported accommodation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -report to branch 15.5.2020 -regional workshop 19.6.2020 	Keith Hinkley/Rob Persey/Alan Sinclair/Alison Blight
	Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -support councils with retention strategies -embed VBA -understand and promote career pathways -continued support to the regional MoC -map work on portability of training 	-face to face meeting 12.5.2020	Matt Pope(Wokingham)/Hilary Hall(RBWM)/Alison Blight
Finance/ Resources/ Performance	Finance + Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -share practice and innovations to achieve effective use of resources in ASC -lead SE response to Govt policy on ASC funding 		Mark Stainton(ESussex)/Jane Simmons
	Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -support to region on benchmarking and performance review 		Paul Archer(Hants)/Jane Simmons/Alison Blight
	Finance+Resources/ Performance - joint workstream on the Regional Scorecard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -support from Surrey CC to develop and host collation of regional dataset -prototype dashboard to branch in March -to support South East councils to benchmark, understand and manage the 2020/21 challenge -to inform planning for future years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -prototype to branch 13.3.2020 -to go live in xxx 	Business Intelligence Unit Surrey CC/Jane Simmons/Alison Blight
	Managing Transfers of Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -develop a stronger voice for DASSs in national and regional dialogue on managing transfers of care -support council resilience to improve outcomes for people in need of hospital care -T+F to understand recent increase in joint H+SC delays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -T+F report to branch 8.11.2019 -review of high performers nationally - 22.4.2020 	Grainne Siggins(Southampton)/Sarah Mitchell(LGA)/Alison Blight
	CHC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -support and provide practice leadership for CHC leads -lead discussion with NHSE and LGA/ADASS -workshop for CHC leads across ASC and children's services 	-workshop 24.03.2020	Paul Morgan (Surrey)/Kate smith (Hampshire)/Jane Simmons

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Quality and Practice	Mental Health	-strengthen ASC Mental Health workforce/voice -action proposals in SE Social Work for Better Mental Health -develop integrated workplan with leads from MH, PSWs and AMHPs	-SWfBMH published – date tbc	Graham Allen (Hampshire)/ Jason Brandon (Hampshire)/Jane Simmons
	AMHPS	-SE pilot site for participation and feedback on development of AMHP Quality Standards by DHSC -share good practice and examples of workforce recruitment and support	- SE pilot site workshop with DHSC 12.03.2020	Chrissie Caines (Surrey)/Bev Hull (Hampshire)/Jane Simmons
	Safeguarding	- workshop with Forced Marriage Unit -s42 workshop on safeguarding concerns workshop -strength based working and safeguarding session 04.09.2020	- FM workshop 27.03.2020 -s42 workshop 8.6.2020 tbc	Seona Douglas (Reading)/Chris McKenzie (Medway)/Jane Simmons
	MCA/LPS	-ensure councils are prepared for implementation of LPS -work together to develop a training and support offer		Rachael Roberts (Portsmouth)/Sarah Pady (Buckinghamshire)/Jane Simmons
	Carers	-support for shared learning across SE in relation to carers -self-assessment tool with themes to regional meeting and national workshop	-March 2020	Chair tbc John Bangs (Surrey)/Claire Rachwal (Portsmouth)
	PSWs	-provide practice leadership for SWs and staff across the SE		Melanie Pearce (Oxfordshire)/Jane Simmons
Partnerships	BCF	-provide assurance for BCF plans -support to BCF leads		Keith Hinkley (East Sussex)/ Sarah Mitchell (LGA)/Jane Simmons
	South East H+SC Collaborative	-pulls together an “offer” for system leaders on the resources and support which are available -regional and national involvement from the LGA/CHIP, NHS Confed, NHS E/I and NICE, as well as South East ADASS. The Regional Chair of South East ADASS chairs the Steering Group for the Collaborative		Keith Hinkley (East Sussex)/Sarah Mitchell (CHIP)/Jane Simmons

Association of Directors of Adult Social Services Regional Programme 2019/20

1.0 Introduction

All councils within South East ADASS work co-operatively within a Regional Programme to help lead improvement in adult social care services according to an updated Memorandum of Understanding. The Regional Programme focuses on what councils can do better together and with partners. The Regional Programme is delivered through an established structure of networks and groups and its purpose is to:

- support shared learning by
 - communicating best practice
 - providing peer support
 - enabling council leads to discuss challenging issues
- accelerate implementation of new legislation and effective practice
- enable benchmarking
- offer a critical friend role

The Regional Programme is discussed with DASSs at every branch meeting, informed by an update on the work of each network or group in line with regional priorities.

2.0 Regional Priorities

DASSs show considerable commitment and support to the Regional Programme. Regional networks and groups meet regularly and share learning; all have a DASS or AD as chair and an agreed work programme or forward plan.

DASSs have agreed that the Regional Programme should support their efforts to manage increasing demand differently with severe financial pressure. There will be a greater concentration on supporting leadership to help DASSs shape discussion with elected members and partners, and to develop plans within their own councils to meet the challenge. In addition, key priorities for the last two years are maintained and are to:

- identify effective use of savings in adult social care
- develop the adult social care workforce
- strengthen strategic approaches to commissioning and market development at regional and council levels
- strengthen social care in managing transfers of care
- support councils to fulfil their role in the Transforming Care programme for people with learning disabilities
- extend the current Peer Review programme
- continue support to regional networks for shared learning
- facilitate implementation of national policy including on health and care integration

3.0 Funding for the Regional Programme

DH has entered into an agreement with the Local Government Association (LGA) and ADASS to continue its funding for sector-led improvement with other system partners through the Care and Health Improvement Programme. This grant funding makes an important contribution to assist councils within each ADASS region to work co-operatively. In the South East, this funding provides some further support to the very considerable resource provided by DASSs and their colleagues working together on sector-led improvement within the region and enabling links to national programmes.

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