

**Association of Directors of Social Services
Regional Programme 2020/21
South East ADASS branch – 4th December 2020**

This 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 Learning Disabilities and Autism Network (co-chairs Adam Payne Buckinghamshire Council and Robyn Noonan Oxfordshire CC)
- 2) Co-chair required for the Safeguarding Network (chair, Seona Douglas, DASS, Reading BC)
- 3) Follow up to the regional Housing Workshops held on 19th June 2019 and 29th October 2020– see attached summary. The key questions for DASSs to consider are:
 - How can we build on regional work to date? To support leads making new contacts, to create a network of learning, to enable opportunities to share and discuss experience?
 - Do we want a regional network to support the sharing of best practice and accelerate progress?
 - Do we want to further involve the Housing LIN, and if so, how best to do that?

For information:

- 4) All networks and groups are meeting virtually for covid-related 'hot topics' discussion, peer support, the sharing of advice, guidance and approaches, as well as for national updates. All also have a thematic based forward work programme during this pandemic period. Currently, there are very high levels of participation in regional networks and groups all working actively to integrate and share learning from the pandemic
- 5) The regional role has increased significantly during this period. Project management in South East ADASS now includes support for:
 - an effective two way flow of information between the region and national colleagues – weekly calls for DASSs, Regional Chairs', LGA/CHIP/ADASS Regional Leads
 - council leads responding to DHSC requirements – DHSC Service Continuity and Care Market Review, Care Homes Support Plans, national surveys
 - regular communication flows both to and within networks and groups – regional 'bundles' of information, providing a response to multiple queries, formation of the LGA/ADASS ASC Hub
 - development of ad hoc reports and briefings from South East ADASS - ASC National Task Force, Regional Overview for the DHSC Service Continuity and Care Market Review, regional analysis of the ADASS Budget Survey, good practice collation and sharing from Care Homes Support Plans across the region

Headline information for all networks and groups in the region

Priority Area	Network/Group	Key areas of work during this covid period	Timelines	Chair/Support
Commissioning	Commissioning and Market Development (C+MD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -shared approaches on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Market Position Statements - discharge from hospital, avoiding bed based care and admission avoidance - the care market and how it will change - what the future might look like and how to commission differently - joint session with MToC Network -support to regional MoCs for sharing intelligence on provider failure and cross border commissioning -LSE commissioned for review of the changes in the care market post-covid and to help address distinctive issues for the SE -actively engagement with ADASS led system resilience work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -on-going -12.10.2020 -report to branch 15.1.2021 	Rob Persey(B+H)/Laura Gaudion (IoW)/Sam Williams(ESussex)/Alison Blight
	Learning Disabilities + Autism (LD+A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - day services/opportunities reopening - short term crisis accommodation – service models - LeDeR – and LD Health Check -support shift from commissioning by hours to outcomes – LGA/CHIP funded project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -on-going 	DASS Chair tbc/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 -virtual workshop -questions to DASSs on regional workstream 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -regional workshops 19.6.2019 + 29.10.2020 -to branch 4.12.2020 	Keith Hinkley/Alan Sinclair/Alison Blight
	Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -remote recruitment and on-boarding processes -recruitment - focus on platforms -Integrated Training Hubs -well-being of the WF -continued support to the regional MoC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -on-going 	Matt Pope(Wokingham)/Hilary Hall(RBWM)/Tim Wilson(B+H)/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 - understand impact of Govt policy on ASC funding, Covid-19 and EU Exit - ADASS Budget Surveys - review regional findings and develop key actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -on-going December 2020 	Mark Stainton(ESussex)/Jane Simmons
	Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -shared approaches on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clinically extremely vulnerable residents - designated settings - demand and local pressures - national returns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -on-going 	Paul Archer(Hants)/Alison Blight

	Finance+Resources/ Performance - joint workstream on the Regional Dashboard	- support from Surrey CC to develop and host collation of regional dataset - to support South East councils to benchmark, understand and manage the 2021/22 challenge - to inform planning for future years	-joint networks meeting – 30.11.2020	Business Intelligence Unit Surrey CC/Jane Simmons/Alison Blight
	Managing Transfers of Care	- shared approaches on: - discharge to assess including funding arrangements - designated settings - High Impact Change refresh - joint session with Commissioning Network on discharge from hospital, avoiding bed based care + admission avoidance -further joint session in Feb/March 2021	- on-going - 12.10.20 - tbc early 2021	Grainne Siggins(Southampton)/Sarah Mitchell(LGA)/Alison Blight
	CHC	-support and practice leadership for CHC leads -regular discussions with NHSE/I re CHC Covid-19 implementation -current review of work programme in following the two meetings/workshops: 1. Legal approach to children’s Continuing Care, transitions and CHC with C&F services 2. Legal Limits of Social Care with NHSE/I and CCGs	-January 2021 -09.11.2020 -10.11.2020	Paul Morgan (Surrey)/Kate Smith (Hampshire)/Jane Simmons

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Quality and Practice	Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social Work for Better Mental Health – to action proposals in SE report -develop an integrated workplan with MH leads, PSWs and AMHPs leads - measuring the impact of Covid-19 	- SWfBMH workshop 27.01.2021	Graham Allen (Hampshire)/ Jason Brandon (Hampshire)/Jane Simmons
	AMHPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AMHP Quality Standards - support participation and shared learning -AMHP recruitment and retention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - share good practice examples - AMPH payments survey and opportunities for regional approach - joint training opportunities 	- on-going 9.12.2021	Chrissie Caines (Surrey)/Bev Hull (IoW)/Jane Simmons
	Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - workshop with Forced Marriage Unit and further workshop planned for early 2021 - follow up from joint meeting with PSWs and DOLS/MCA group to review MCA arrangements (hospital discharge, care homes) - MCA - shared learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - measuring the impact of Covid-19 on safeguarding in care homes), - Strength Based//MSP approaches - SARS 	- 19.08.2020 - on-going	Seona Douglas (Reading)/Co- Chair TBC)/Jane Simmons
	MCA/LPS and advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ensure councils are prepared for implementation of LPS -work together to develop a training and support offer - Advocacy – review November 2020, analysis and feedback - MCA 	-08.12.2020 -on-going	Rachael Roberts (Portsmouth)/Sarah Pady (Buckinghamshire)/Jane Simmons
	Carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -support for shared learning across SE in relation to carers -self-assessment tool with themes to regional meeting and national workshop - review of CPA and links to Carers Assessments 	-December 2020	Isobel Watson(Jersey) /Claire Rachwal (Portsmouth)/Jane Simmons
	PSWs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -provide practice leadership for SWs and staff across the SE - Social Work Healthcheck – review regional findings and develop key actions 	-January 2021	Melanie Pearce (Oxfordshire)/ Tracy Davis (West Sussex)/Jane Simmons

Partnerships	BCF/Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -provide assurance for BCF plans -support to BCF leads with new policy developments 		Keith Hinkley (East Sussex)/Alan Sinclair(Slough)/Sarah Mitchell (LGA)/Jane Simmons
	South East H+SC Collaborative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to link with new DHSC appointments on new assurance role - pulls together an “offer” for system leaders on the resources and support which are available: - support to multi-systems peer reviews - bespoke support offers - regional and national involvement from the LGA/CHIP, NHS Confed, PCNs, Care Provider Associations, NHS E/I and NICE, as well as South East ADASS. The Regional Co-Chairs of South East ADASS chair the Steering Group for the Collaborative 		Keith Hinkley (East Sussex)/Alan Sinclair(Slough)/Sarah Mitchell (CHIP)/Jane Simmons

Association of Directors of Adult Social Services Regional Programme 2020/21

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
- 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

DHSC has entered into a new agreement MoU with the Local Government Association (LGA) and ADASS to continue its funding with other system partners through the Care and Health Improvement Programme. In the South East, this funding has been used to provide 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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