

# The local government response – context, concerns and opportunities

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# Adult Social Care- Where are we now?



- **£7.7bn**- Cumulative level of savings to adult social care budgets in the past decade. A further £1.8bn savings to ASC budgets since 2020/21.
- **17%** of Directors have no confidence that their budgets will be sufficient to meet statutory duties in 2022/23.

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- **542,002** people waiting for an assessment, care & support/direct payments to begin or a review of their care plan as of 30 April 2022. 37% increase since Nov 2021.
- **2,206,187** homecare hours were not able to be delivered from 1 January – 31 March 2022. Equivalent to **170,000 hours per week**.
- **165,000**- vacancies in adult social care in 2021/22

# ADASS Positions on Assurance



**Delay the formal introduction of assurance on 1st April 2023 so that councils can focus on winter and reduce expenditure on inspection preparation and processes.**

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- **Use of single-word ratings** do not do justice, narrative reports do.
- **Consequences of, and capacity to deal with, ‘Inadequate’ ratings** (Learning from Children’s Services experience)
  - Impact on frontline workforce
  - Must seek to preserve leadership
- **Existing datasets do not adequately reflect how adult social care is delivered** in reality or people’s outcomes and experiences, e.g. user and carer surveys.

# Opportunities

- **Strengthens local accountability** and public confidence
- **Shines a light on good practice** & enables this to be shared.
- **Promotes continuous improvement.**
- **An equal footing** in Councils for Adults and Childrens Services
- Focuses on the right areas, **assurance provides additional & more granular evidence to Government** to inform spending & policy decisions.
- **Creates a local aspiration** for investment and improvement
- **CQC can call out state of social care in reports**

# What we must do now to prepare.

- **Strengthen internal** capacity for data, analysis, leadership
- **Run through;** SLI, mock inspections, peer reviews, annual conversations, self-assessments. **ADASS regions**
- Care Act **policies/strategies** updated, & implemented.
- Focus on quality of **Social Work and casework**
- Understand and **engage with people** who draw on services
- **Work with politicians** to understand the framework
- **Work with Integrated Care Board** and Partnerships.