

Regulation is back...how can councils prepare and keep control of their own improvement?

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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.
- **75%** of Directors have partial or no confidence that their budgets will be sufficient to meet statutory duties in 2022/23.
- **506,131** people are currently waiting for an assessment, care & support/direct payments to begin or a review of their care plan. 28% increase since Nov 2021- Feb 2022.
- **10.3%**- vacancy rate for adult social care in May 2022, up from 5.8% in May 2022.

ADASS Positions on Assurance



There's a risk of implementing an expensive means of reiterating well known truths, without the resources being available to deliver fundamental & sustainable improvements to adult social care.

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- **Opposed to use of single-word ratings**, preference for a narrative report.
- **Consequences of, and capacity to deal with, 'Inadequate' ratings**, e.g. impact on workforce.
- **Timetable for implementation challenging**- very little documentation in the public domain about how assurance will function.
- **Concerns that existing datasets do not adequately reflect how adult social care is delivered** in reality or people's outcomes and experiences, e.g. user and care surveys.

The value of sector-led improvement

Vital that assurance focuses on sustainable & continuous improvement.

The value of SLI is that it enables the regions & councils to be:

- responsible for their own performance- accountable locally, not nationally
- Peer support & challenge- expertise of 'what works' lies within the sector.
- Have a sense of collective responsibility for the performance of the sector as a whole
- Picks up local issues early, which may be at play in other regions, which we can advise Government on.

What councils could be doing now to prepare.



- ADASS regions and their local authorities are undertaking a lot of work to prepare for assurance, e.g. mock inspections, peer reviews, annual conversations, self-assessments, etc... ***Make sure that your local authority is involved.***
- It's the CARE ACT! - Practice & key policies/strategies are up-to-date, implemented, and convened in one location.
- Access support from the Care and Health Improvement Programme (CHIP).