



## **Fair welfare services or farewell to services?** *An assessment of the funding, fitness and future of social care and related services*

**Monday 11th March 2013**

**The TechnoCentre, Coventry University**

Local authorities and their partners are facing unprecedented budgetary pressures that are having a profound effect on services and communities

This conference brings together leading thinkers and practitioners from a range of settings to discuss:

- the causes and consequences of the austerity programme and its impact on social care and related services for children and adults
- what can be done to protect users of social care services, unpaid carers and services from the consequences of austerity, and
- share areas of existing good practice

In addition to generic plenary sessions there will be concurrent sessions to address specific issues relating to the three inter-related themes of the event, which are broadly:

- Funding – the impact of the austerity measures on social care, health and welfare services;
- Fitness – the extent to which regulators and local areas, via ‘self assessment and peer review’ can ensure the integrity of services and the safety of users, carers and staff, and how issues relating to ‘funding’ and ‘fitness’ will affect the:
- Future commissioning and configuration of services, and how the evidence to evaluate and inform innovative practice and future policy can be effectively understood, used and disseminated.

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Programme

09.00: Registration and coffee

09.50: Welcome **Martin Stevens** *Chair SSRG*

10.00: Plenary: "The end of local government as we know it"? - where does social care go from here? **Jon Glasby** *University of Birmingham*

10.45: Break

11.15: Concurrent Sessions:

- (a) Adults: Using economics evidence to inform policy discussion and practice development **Martin Knapp** *LSE*
- (b) Children: Doing things differently in Essex: the 'why's' and 'how's' of Social Impact Bonds **Roger Bullen** *Essex CC*
- (c) Practice: The Graph of Doom **John Dix** *Consultant*

**12.15: Lunch and SSRG AGM**

1.15: Concurrent Sessions: (regulation and self- assessment)

- (a) Adults: Accountability and value for money: Can a sector-led approach deliver? **Alan Rosenbach** *CQC* and **Oliver Mills**, *LGA*
- (b) Children: The three blind mice of Manchester: an improvement journey **Adam King** *Ofsted* and **Karen Marcroft** *Improvement and Efficiency West Midlands*
- (c) Practice: Local authority-managed personal budgets: choice and flexibility of home care for older people? **Parvaneh Rabiee** *University of York*

2.00: Concurrent Sessions: The Future?

- (a) Adults: Service User Involvement: Now You See It, Now You Don't **Stephen Cowden** *Coventry University*
- (b) Children: The Turn Towards Privatisation of Services for Looked After Children - Findings from the National Evaluation of Social Work Practices **Nicky Stanley** *UCLAN* and **Jill Manthorpe** *King's College*
- (c) Practice: Where next for evidence-based programmes in children's services? **Nick Axford** *The Social Research Unit, Dartington*

3.00: Break

3.30: Plenary: Looking back to the future: reflection and reaction  
**Simon Fanshawe** *OBE Journalist and Broadcaster*

4.15: Discussion/Depart

4.30– 6.30pm: Networking Event; quiz, buffet

***The room will be laid out cabaret style with a facilitator at each table to stimulate discussion. The programme will be flexible, interactive and constructive***

**Fees: SSRG members - £115 Others £175 (includes 1 years' SSRG membership)**  
***An 'emailable' xls version of the booking form is available on the SSRG website***  
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