

ADSW President's Conference Speech cont.

We call on the new first minister and his ministerial team to commit to working with the profession to find long term, sustainable solutions to the most pressing problems, to use research for an evidence led policy agenda and to stand alongside social work staff in the highly demanding job that they do.

One Changing Lives recommendation to which I am personally very committed is in relation

to the role of the social worker. We need to be clear what the role of social work is then it can logically follow what organisational and management arrangements are needed to safely deliver this.

The paper produced by Jim Gallagher et al for the David Hume Institute "Rethinking Central /Local Government Relations in Scotland " raised challenging issues which ADSW does need to grapple with.

Rethinking Central-Local Government Relations in Scotland: Back to the Future?

Jim Gallagher, Kenneth Gibb and Carl Mills, University of Glasgow.

This paper re-examines the relationship between central and local government in Scotland, local government finance, their history over the last 30 years, and their future. It asks what choices now exist for the purposive reform of Scottish local government in terms of finance, services delivered and governance structures, considered jointly, and what the implications of those choices are.

www.davidhumeinstitute.com/DHI%20Website/publications/hop/Local%20Government.pdf

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Research & Development Work Relating to Assistive Technology 2006-07

This report was published by the Department of Health on 5th July 2007.

It looks at research in the context of The National Service Framework for Long-term Conditions and the White Paper on Health and Social Care.

The report describes the wide range of government-funded projects supporting the development, introduction and evaluation of assistive technology.

Relevant projects funded by the EU are also listed.

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