

Association of Directors of Adult Social Services

Launched at the end of March 2007, the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) represents directors of adult social services in local authorities in England. For further information, please visit <http://www.adass.org.uk>

As well as having statutory responsibilities for the social care of older people and adults with disabilities ADASS members might also share a number of responsibilities for the provision and/or commissioning of housing, leisure, library, culture and arts services within their councils.

Anne Williams, President of ADASS and Strategic Director of Community, Health and Social Care Directorate, Salford City Council, said: "It is a huge privilege to have been the last vice-president of ADSS and now the first president of ADASS. I believe passionately in the value of social care and that we can only deliver the best possible services if we do so in partnership across all sectors".

She continued: "the launch of ADASS comes at a very exciting time for directors of adult social care. The future shape and funding of adult social care is now one of the key challenges for national and local government with the growing numbers of older people and people with disabilities requiring care"



Anne Williams

ADASS is committed to playing a full role in the development of policies and priorities to face this challenge and to ensure that services are commissioned and delivered in the most user-centred and cost effective way.

ADASS also aims to work across all sectors to develop a range of preventive services and new models of care, and continue to push for greater recognition of the workforce and financial pressures already facing adult social care.

A strong relationship with the Department of Health has been critical to the success of ADSS in being a powerful voice for social care. The establishment of the social care directorate gives ADASS new opportunities to influence the development of national

policy in social care but also in strengthening the understanding of the value of social care across the NHS. This will be crucial with the implementation of the White Paper, "Our Health, Our Care, Our Say".

The governing body of the Association is the Executive Council. In addition there are five policy committees:

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