Social care is about people, not numbers…

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ADASS aims and objectives

• Further the interests of people in need of social care by promoting high standards of social care services and influencing the development of social care legislation and policy;

• Furthering comprehensive, equitable, social policies and plans which reflect and shape the economic and social environment of the time;

• Furthering the interests of those who need social care services regardless of their background and status;

• Promoting high standards of social care services.
Distinctive, Valued and Personal: why social care matters

- Social care has rightly shifted towards personalised, community and home-based care.
- Carers are one our most valued and important assets - social care relies heavily on over 5.5 million unpaid carers – often family members.
- As people are living longer, we need to reappraise the support and recognition carers are given.
- Significant reductions in access to publicly funded care - unmet needs continue to be picked up by other places and people, such as unpaid carers.
The current social care landscape

ASC Green Paper
Prevention Green Paper
NHS Long Term Plan
Brexit
Increasing demand & complexity

Future of BCF & iBCF?
Spending Review
Workforce
Short Term Funding
Provider Failure
ADASS Budget Survey

- £700m savings planned to adult social care budgets in 2019/20. £7.7bn cumulative savings since 2010.
- Home care closures impacted upon 7,019 people in 2018/19, up from 3,290 in 2017/18 (+113%).
- Care home closures impacted upon 1,173 people in 2018/19, down from 2,095 people in 2017/18.
- Contract handbacks from providers impacted upon 310 people in care homes and 3,464 people in home care in 2018/19.
- Under 5% of DASS are confident that budgets will be sufficient to deliver statutory duties in 20/21 & 21/22.
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Ref- BBC Panorama
“Social care is severely underfunded. More than a million adults who need social care aren't receiving it, family and friends are being put under greater pressure to provide unpaid care.”

“Our recommendations will cost money, but social care should be a public spending priority.”

Lord Forsyth, Chairman of the Economic Affairs Committee
Sector-led improvement project

- Guide to Efficient and Effective Interventions:
  - 4 documents covering different aspects of the Care Act
  - Self-Assessment Tool
Sector-led improvement approach

- 9 deep-dive projects across the regions looking at implementation of the Care Act
- Examples of projects:
  - Personalisation
  - Whole family approaches
  - Data collection
- Stay tuned for the outputs from these projects over the coming year!
What about the future?

• Do we think that our current adult social care model is going to last for the next 5, 10 years or the next generation?

• Are care markets evolving to meet the needs and aspirations of individuals and their families?

• Is the current model what you would want for you and your family?
Older and disabled people need dignified, high quality care and support as do their families. When properly resourced it works.

As a nation we must make this an immediate priority. A thriving economy and a caring nation requires it.