

ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES

ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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Directors of children's services and adults' services welcome move by College of Social Work

Following the decision by The College of Social Work to begin taking members from January 2012, Peter Hay, President of ADASS, and Matt Dunkley, President of ADCS issued the following joint statement:

"Social workers need strong professional leadership and The College of Social Work is perfectly placed to give it. There are many excellent social workers in both adults and children's services, yet their achievements often go unrecognised by the public and their knowledge and expertise are not always shared with the profession as a whole.

"The College of Social Work will have an essential role in raising and maintaining standards across the profession, and we welcome its decision to forge ahead with plans to open its doors formally to members on 3 January 2012. We fully support The College as it sets out to lead social work into a better future."

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