

ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES (ADASS)

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Directors welcome launch of The College of Social Work

DIRECTORS OF CHILDREN'S and adults services have welcomed decisions by The College of Social Work's (TCSW) Transition Board which have led to TCSW opening its doors to members for the first time. The College began accepting members from January 3 2012.

Welcome, too, were new moves from the Board which, according to both Associations, "could lead to a permanent harmonisation of the relationships between TCSW on the one hand, and Unison and the British Association of Social Workers on the other."

According to Jo Cleary, Executive Director of Adults and Community Services at Lambeth Council and ADASS joint workforce lead, who is a member of the College's Transitional board, " The scene is now set for TCSW to move into a new gear as we will establish something social workers, managers and directors all want, and which we all see as essential to enhancing services for vulnerable and older people and people with disabilities: a strong, independent, well-resourced and highly respected College of Social Work."

Dave Hill, Executive Director of Children's Services at Essex County Council and member of the Transitional board said "The emergence of a strong College of Social Work is a much-needed and fundamental part of the social work architecture. ADCS fully welcomes the decision to recruit members from January this year, and wishes the College all the best in its endeavours."

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EDITORIAL NOTES

* The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) represents directors of adult social services in local authorities in England. DASSs have statutory responsibilities for the social care of older people and adults with disabilities, while over 50 per cent also run social housing departments. 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.

* The Association of Directors of Children's Services is the professional leadership organisation for Directors of Children's Services (DCSs) and their senior management teams in local authorities.