

ADCS Annual Conference 2025: Outline Programme
Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th July 2025

Wednesday 9 July – DCS only	
10.30am – 11.45am	Registration for DCSs
11.45am – 1.00pm	Networking lunch
1.00pm – 5.30pm	DCS only sessions
Thursday 10 July – DCS only	
9.00am – 10.30am	DCS only sessions
10.30am	End of DCS only sessions

Thursday 10 July – all members	
9.00am – 11.00am	Registration for all members
11.00am – 11.30am	Plenary: ADCS President's opening address Rachael Wardell, ADCS President
11.30am – 12.00pm	Plenary: An input from Surrey children and young people Chair: Rachael Wardell, ADCS President
12.00pm – 12.45pm	Plenary: Ministerial keynote Janet Daby MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families, Department for Education Chair: Rachael Wardell, ADCS President
12.45pm – 2.00pm	Networking lunch
2.00pm – 3.10pm	Plenary: Responding to violence against women and girls Chair: Helen Lincoln, Chair of ADCS Families, Communities and Young People Policy Committee
3.10pm – 4.20pm	Plenary: Addressing discrimination, bias and inequality in children's services Chair: Jane Moore, ADCS Honorary Secretary
4.20pm – 4.35pm	Transfer to sub-plenaries
4.35pm – 5.50pm	2 x sub-plenaries (refreshments provided) Sub-plenary A: Securing sufficient placements for children in our care Chair: Colette Dutton, Director of Children's Services, Wigan Council

	Sub-plenary B: More than inclusion: cultivating a culture of belonging in every classroom Chair: Heather Sandy, Chair of the ADCS Education Policy Committee
7.30pm – 8.00pm	Drinks Reception
8.00pm	Dinner
Friday 11 July	
8.00am – 9.00am	Registration (for Friday day delegates only)
9.00am – 10.00am	Plenary: Ofsted, Sir Martyn Oliver, HM Chief Inspector Chair: Jo Fisher, Chair of the ADCS Standards, Performance and Inspection Policy Committee
10.00am – 10.30am	Refreshment break
10.30am – 11.30am	Plenary: Poverty and early childhood development Chair: Rachael Wardell, ADCS President
11.30am – 12.15pm	Plenary: Responding to serious youth violence Chair: Ann Graham, ADCS Vice President
12.15pm – 12.30pm	Plenary: ADCS President's closing remarks Rachael Wardell, ADCS President
12.30pm	Close of conference: take-away lunch provided