

Newsletter



Introduction:



North West ADASS is proud to publish the first edition of our newsletter. With each newsletter we aim to bring you updates on exciting developments from across the North West, areas of good practices and case studies, policy briefings, information on events and an opportunity to gain an insight into the current work programmes of the branch. The newsletter will also be a platform to share and discuss with colleagues the challenges we face in Adult Social Care and how we can work collaboratively to address issues. I urge everyone to help populate content and if there is anything you would like to raise with colleagues please get in contact.

On a separate note I'd like to announce we have recently produced the North West's first 'Regional Account' which you can learn more about below - an excellent insight into our Sector-Led Improvement work programme and a great summary of the positive work we have led over the past 12 months.

We would very much welcome feedback on any aspect of the newsletter and suggestions to help us improve the tool so again don't hesitate to let us know your thoughts.

We plan to publish the newsletter monthly so look out for July's edition and if you have anything to contribute to future editions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Regards

Stuart Cowley

Chair of NW ADASS and Director for Adult Social Care and Health, Wigan Council

Latest News

North West Regional Account

During Summer 2015 NW ADASS reviewed our Sector Led Improvement Programme and we are delighted to introduce our region's first Regional Account.

The aim of the Regional Account is to describe the way in which the region grips the improvement challenge in order to support one another, understand risk and priorities in the region, and co-ordinate a programme of collaboration and support.

Some of the highlights within the region over the last twelve months include:

- Use of intelligence within the improvement programme has helped us articulate a set of priorities that are specific to our region
- 10 peer reviews completed, with a particular focus upon safeguarding
- Piloting a focused and flexible 'team to team challenge' between Wigan and Liverpool, focusing upon commissioning, carers and information and advice
- A regional support programme for implementation of the Care Act, with ongoing national Care Act stocktakes demonstrating ongoing progress and improving confidence
- Carrying out research with 23 NW commissioners to identify priorities for collaboration and learning and support needs across the region

For a full copy of the Regional Account, please contact the Programme Office:
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ADASS Spring Seminar

The ADASS Spring Seminar took place 13 – 15 April and was structured to include two themes, Conversations with Health, International Conversations and a host of workshops. A wide range of keynote speakers delivered interesting, engaging and thought provoking presentations on their specialised areas. The event was well attended and received excellent feedback. A full set of the presentations can be found [here](#)

Website/Shared Portal

We are currently in the process of developing an exciting new section of North West Employers website for sharing NW ADASS information and details about up and coming events. The section will include information on the Branch, the Excellence Board and the NW ADASS Policy and Performance Groups.

Each of the Policy and Performance Group are providing information on their specific areas of work for sharing on their sections on the website.

We will update you as soon as the site is live. If you have any suggestions of the types of information that you would like to see on the website, please let us know.

NW ADASS Analyst

NW ADASS is pleased to announce the successful recruitment of a senior analyst who will provide analytical resource to NW ADASS to lead the performance agenda within the Sector Led Improvement operating model. We look forward to welcoming a new member of the Programme Office.

Assistant Director Adult Social Care Transformation - Recruitment

We are supporting the GM DASS group and GM H&SC devolution team to recruit to this new two year post.

An exciting opportunity to support the Greater Manchester Directors of Adult Services in delivering a transformational programme of reform, to support the collective response from DASS's to influence the direction of travel in GM Devolution.

Working with Directors in the ten local authorities, the Health and Social Devolution Team and wider health and social care partners, this role will provide oversight and strategic direction to the DASS group, ensuring the group is appropriately engaged with the devolution programme, whilst providing sound strategic policy advice to the GM Health and Social Care Team on adult care.

Details are available [here](#) and the closing date is 12 noon on Friday 17 June 2016.

If you would like to contribute to a future newsletter or have any suggestions, please contact the Programme Office. janeta@nwemployers.org.uk

Up and Coming Events

North West Employers Annual Conference 2016

Wednesday 13 July 2016 10.45-3.30pm

You are invited to join North West Employers at their Annual conference to connect and share ideas about future governance.

With an exciting agenda focusing on making the most of your organisation's strengths, North West Employers have asked some key speakers to lead talks and discussions.

To register : [click here](#)

Get involved in the conversation and discover the latest thinking in the North West.

Start talking now @NWEmployers or #NWAC16

Useful Information

- [NWE Courses & Information](#)
- [European Social Network:](#)

- [LGIU Briefing](#)
 - [Financial Scamming](#)
 - [Quick Guide to supporting patients choices](#)
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Case Studies & Best Practice

Halton - Good practice on hospital discharge:

Halton Integrated Discharge Team has a single electronic assessment document which is completed by Intermediate Care Practitioners and Social Care staff. This holistic and person centred approach is used across all discharge pathways to commission services including: Intermediate Care, Reablement, Care Packages, and 24hr care placements. Where there is a change in the service user's needs, the document can be duplicated, so avoids a new assessment being started and the discharge being delayed. This also enables multi-disciplinary working across health and social care disciplines to share knowledge and expertise.

Halton - Case Study:

Mrs A was admitted to hospital with shortness of breath, they were generally unwell, and had confusion. They had a CT head scan which was clear. The Service User previously had no support from Social Services, and family were concerned about the increased confusion, and thought they may need a 24hr care placement, due to the risk of falls. The allocated worker discussed Mrs A's current presentation with the therapy staff, and was able to evidence, as part of the hospital discharge plan, that they were not at their baseline and had potential to improve. Through joint working with an Intermediate Care Nurse Practitioner, an Multi – Disciplinary meeting was held with health and social care professionals and family present, and it was identified that Mrs A could be discharged home with Intermediate Care at home.

If you have anything you would like to share with colleagues across the North West please get in touch to secure a future space in the featured case study/best practice section.

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