

SDSS AGM 2020 - Standards for SDS – Q&A

Question 1:

How can we all be transparent, honest and committed to joint working when local authorities don't submit reports to Scottish Government?

Answer 1:

Well, we've certainly had conversations with, and I've had conversations with, Scottish Government about that going forward. And they're really keen to change the way that local authorities report their success in future implementation of Self-directed Support in the future. And so, I think this year, they still have to report in the same format, but certainly going forward we'll be asking them to report against the standards, and their implementation against the standards going forward. That's the plan anyway. But this year it is the same, next year it will be different.

Question 2:

How do the Standards interplay with existing frameworks?

Answer 2:

The Standards align themselves to the Health and Social Care Standards which are written in the "I", so what the person can expect from a service perspective and a human rights perspective, choice and control and involvement. But the Standards themselves are what do local authorities actually need to do to make SDS a reality. So, they interface with the Health and Social Care Standards, the Children's Charter, and they will also align themselves to the currently being drafted Advanced Practice Statement that's been developed by the SSSC for social work practice. The Standards will also align themselves to the quality illustrations that have been developed by the Care inspectorate. So, these are the frameworks that are already there. And, and we're just simply building on it. We feel that the Standards are closing that implementation gap that Derek talked about earlier on.