

## **SDSS AGM 2020 – Independent Review of Adult Social Care – Q&A**

**Following our session with Derek Feeley, we sent your questions that didn't get answered due to time, to him for response. Please see below.**

Many of the comments picked up on aspects of a 'National Care Service' and highlighted some of the potential risks and concerns with the idea. Whilst the purpose of the Independent Review is not to exclusively look at a National Care Service, we are considering what aspects of social care would benefit from a national approach and how that could be delivered. One of the comments asks how values, principles and standards can be embedded in the system. This is a good example of an area that could certainly benefit from national oversight to ensure consistency across the country.

We are also aware that there are other aspects of social care that undoubtedly benefit from a more local, de-centralised approach. This was very much reflected in the comments in the live chat and over the next few months, we will be considering the various national, local and alternative approaches that work best for each area of social care from the point of view of people who use social care support. Further to this, to ensure that these changes are realised, we will be considering how the various approaches can be successfully implemented across the whole country.

There were further comments regarding the commissioning process and the need to get support of the public to realise change. We have been looking at the current system of commissioning and procurement in great detail and this is feeding into our wider work in determining what approaches best improve the outcomes for people who use services. I couldn't agree more about the need to get the public to understand the need for change and in January 2021 we intend to publish a report that clearly sets out how improvements to adult social care support can lead to positive outcomes for the rest of society.