

Speaker Biographies

David Behan

David Behan is the Department of Health's Director General of Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships. He joined the Department in September 2006.

Before joining the Department, David was the first Chief Inspector of the Commission for Social Care Inspection.

From 1996 to 2003 he was Director of Social Services, London Borough of Greenwich and a member of the Greenwich Primary Care Trust Board and the Professional Executive Committee. Throughout 2003 he was the President of the Association of Directors of Social Services.

Between 1989 and 1996 David was Director of Social Services with Cleveland County Council, having been Senior Assistant Director and Deputy Director there. Following Local Government reorganisation, he held the position of Director of Social Services for Middlesbrough Council.

Between 1984 and 1989 David was employed by Avon County Council in a variety of head office posts and as an area manager in North Bristol. From 1978 to 1984 David was employed by Wakefield Metropolitan District Council Social Services Department, working initially as a social worker and then as a team manager in Children's Services.

David was born and brought up in Blackburn in Lancashire and graduated from Bradford University in 1978. He was awarded a CBE in 2003, and in 2004 was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Law by Greenwich University. He is married with two sons.

Session 1 - Context and Demographics

Simon Whitehead

Interim National Director: Learning Disabilities

Simon was the Eastern Advisor for the Valuing People Support Team, and the team's lead on employment issues. His job was to support the 10 Learning Disability Partnership Boards in the East of England make Valuing People happen. Before he worked for Valuing People, Simon was a freelance consultant and worked for over 10 years for the National Development Team for People with Learning Disabilities (NDT). He was a member of the Department of Health's Learning Disability Advisory group that developed the original Valuing People White Paper.

Whilst acting as the Interim National Director, Simon will be involved in the re-drafting of

Valuing People Now, including responding to the Michael's report on Health inequalities; and ensuring an effective three year plan is in place for delivering Valuing People Now.

Dr Frank Atherton

Director of Public Health for North Lancashire

Frank graduated in medicine from Leeds University and worked in hospital and general practice posts around the North of England for a number of years before undertaking voluntary work as a District Medical Officer in Malawi. On his return to the UK, Frank completed specialist training in Public Health Medicine in the Yorkshire Region and then worked on international health and development issues for WHO and the UK Department for International Development in postings to the Former Yugoslavia, Tanzania, and Bangladesh. Immediately prior to his current post in North Lancashire, Frank worked as Director of Public Health for Morecambe Bay.

He is passionately interested in addressing inequalities in health at global, national and local levels. He is an Honorary Lecturer at Lancaster University and has been Vice President of the Association of Directors of Public Health since 2008

Andrew Cozens CBE

Strategic Adviser for Children, Adults and Health Services, IDeA

Andrew Cozens CBE was Corporate Director of Social Care and Health (formerly Director of Social Services) for Leicester City Council from February 2000 to December 2005. He also carried the additional role of deputy chief executive. In that capacity, he was also interim director of education and lifelong learning from June to December 2005. Prior to that, he was director of social services for Gloucestershire County Council from July 1996.

Andrew spent most of his previous career in North Yorkshire, joining the department as a newly qualified social worker in 1981, and leaving as senior assistant director in 1996. He also had a four-year spell setting up North Yorkshire Forum of Voluntary Organisations – a county-wide council of voluntary services. He began his career in the voluntary sector in Birmingham. He was president of the Association of Directors of Social Services for 2004/5.

He is an advisor to the Local Government Association and to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation on social care and health matters. In his current role he advises local and central government on the development and improvement of key public services.

Andrew Cozens is a Trustee of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers and an Honorary Fellow of the University of Gloucestershire.

He was awarded a CBE in December 2004 for his contribution to social work.

Session 2 - The Transformation of Social Care

Jenny Owen

ADASS Vice-President

Jenny is the Executive Director of Adults, Health & Community Wellbeing at Essex County Council, with responsibility for Adult Social Care, Adult Community Learning and Libraries.

Jenny is the Vice President of ADASS. She is co-chairing the National Dementia Strategy, and is also a Trustee of SCIE and a member of the Partnership Board of RIPFA.

Before Joining Essex in 2004, Jenny Owen was the Regional Director of the Eastern region of the Social Services Inspectorate and subsequently CSCI.

She qualified as a social worker in 1976 and has worked as a social worker and manager in Sheffield, Islington, Hertfordshire and Essex.

Jo Webber**Deputy Policy Director, NHS Confederation**

Prior to her current post, Joanna (Jo) Webber worked as a Policy Manager with the NHS Confederation. This followed her previous role as Director of Clinical Services at Broxtowe and Hucknall PCT with responsibility for provided services; workforce issues; clinical risk and quality assurance; and partnership working and joint commissioning.

Jo Webber was previously Acting Director of Operations and Assistant Director of Nursing at Nottingham Community Health NHS Trust and a member of Nottinghamshire's Joint Commissioning Forum for Children's Services and the Children's Trust Steering Group.

Her policy areas at the Confederation include children's policy, older people and adult social care, public health and partnerships/local strategic partnerships, as well as PCT issues and futures.

Carole Cochrane**Acting Chief Executive, Princess Royal Trust for Carers**

Carole has enjoyed a lengthy, exciting and successful career within the voluntary sector, initially with Volunteer Bureaux and for the past 13 years working at a senior level to support carers; her first encounter with The Trust was as a centre manager establishing North Tyneside Carers Centre.

In 1998 Carole moved back to London and worked for The Trust; establishing Carers Centres in South East England, developing training programmes to support the Network and delivering a Lottery Funded Network Consultancy Scheme. She also represented The Trust as a working group member on the Carers Strategy.

Carole maintains a passion for Community Development and for Pioneering new ways of working. In her role as Assistant Director Operations in the North, Carole combined Fundraising and Operations, with her operational responsibilities covering Northern England, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and Wales. She was responsible for developing and delivering the highly valued Breaks for Carers, held annually at Pontin's, Blackpool.

Carole is married with four children, 2 stepchildren and 6 grandchildren. As she married and had children while exceptionally young, so for years couldn't afford holidays abroad, she now particularly enjoys travelling and experiencing new cultures.

Session 3 - The Social Care Green Paper

Alexandra Norrish**Head of Social Care Strategy, Department of Health**

Alexandra Norrish is the Head of Social Care Strategy in the Department of Health, and heads up the Green Paper on Reform of the Care and Support System.

Alexandra has worked in the Civil Service since 2000, in the Department of Health, Cabinet Office and 10 Downing Street where she held the post of Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister on Health. While working in the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit her work included a project for Social Care Minister Liam Byrne on the long term future of social care, following which she moved into her current post.

Gordon Lishman CBE
Director General, Age Concern

Gordon Lishman is Director General of Age Concern and Chief Executive of the Age Concern England (ACE) Group, which comprises the charity, Age Concern England; its trading companies, primarily Age Concern Enterprises and Aid-Call; and the membership organisation, Heyday. The ACE Group is the UK's largest charitable operation. Gordon has worked for ACE since 1974.

Age Concern England works closely with 359 other Age Concerns around the country, ensuring that our national policy and influencing work is informed by their experiences of working with and delivering services to older people at a local level.

Gordon leads the charity's campaigning, and has achieved major successes on pension reform, particularly for older women, and on age discrimination including the setting up of the Equality and Human Rights Commission. Current priorities include a new system for financing high quality long-term care and better treatment of older people in the health and social care sectors. This includes a strong focus on tackling malnutrition in hospitals and care homes, an issue that both Gordon and ACE are passionate about solving. As a result, Gordon was asked by Ivan Lewis, Minister for Care Services, in Autumn 2007 to chair the Department of Health's Nutrition Action Plan Delivery Board.

Gordon has a keen interest in international work and was the first Secretary General of AGE, the European Older People's Platform. He is currently the International Vice-President of the International Federation on Ageing.

David Walden
Director of Strategy, Commission for Social Care Inspection

David Walden joined CSCI as its Director of Strategy in February 2004. He co-chairs CSCI's Older People's Services Improvement Board and is a Non-Executive Director of the Improvement and Development Agency for local government (IDeA).

In 2003, he was Transition Director for the Independent Regulator of NHS Foundation Trusts. Prior to this he worked for the Department of Health for over 25 years. He became Head of Social Care Policy at DH in 1999. David has had two spells in the "outside" world – as Personnel Director of Poole Hospital and as a Director of Anchor Trust, England's largest not-for-profit care and housing provider for older people.

The Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) is the regulator and inspectorate for adult social care. CSCI is independent and reports annually to parliament and ministers on the state of adult social services, the performance of social services, and the use to which social services resources have been put.

The main duties of CSCI are to:

- Assesses and regulate all adult social care organisations – public, private, and voluntary – against national standards and publish reports.
- Register services that meet national minimum standards.
- Carry out performance assessments of local adult social service authorities.
- Publish an annual report to Parliament on national progress on adult social care and an analysis of where resources have been spent.