

Roundtable discussion - Securing the Future of Adult Social Care – Speaker Biographies

Paul Burstow MP, Minister of State for Care Services

Paul was elected as Member of Parliament for Sutton & Cheam at the 1997 election and has held several front bench positions, including Shadow Spokesman for Health, Shadow Minister for London and most recently Shadow Chief Whip.

Before being elected to Parliament, Paul headed the Liberal Democrat's Local Government Unit and served on Sutton Council for 16 years from 1986.

Paul was educated at Glastonbury High School for Boys, Sutton, and Carshalton College, before attending South Bank Polytechnic, where he gained a business studies degree. Upon graduating, he worked as a buying assistant before becoming a research assistant at the London Borough of Hounslow.

Married with a son and two daughters, Paul enjoys cooking, reading and working out at the gym.

The Rt Hon the Lord Warner

Lord Warner is currently a Labour member of the House of Lords and a member of the Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology. Between 2005-2006 he was Minister of State for NHS reform and was appointed as a Member of the Dilnot Commission on Funding of Care and Support for Adults by the coalition government.

Lord Warner was Director of Social Services for Kent County Council between 1985 and 1991, where he was involved in national reform of community care, and prior to that worked in the Department of Health and its predecessor the DHSS.

Sandie Keene, Vice-President, Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS), Leeds City Council

Sandie has worked in Social Care Services since 1974, initially as a social worker and manager of both adults and children's services in Barnsley and Rotherham. She became Deputy Director of Social Services in Sheffield in 1999, Executive Director of Social Services in Barnsley in 2004 and took up her post in Leeds as Director of Adult Social Services in 2007.

She has responsibility for discharging all adult social service functions, including assessing individual and city-wide needs and making arrangements to meet them through commissioning and providing a range of services in partnership with others.

Throughout her career, Sandie has been responsible for many new developments in modernising and redesigning services, working closely with partners in Health services and the voluntary, faith and independent sectors. She led on the development of Sheffield Care Trust.

She is an active member of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services having been Regional Chair for Yorkshire & Humberside and lead for Public Health and Commissioning. She is currently Vice President of ADASS.