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# A Message from Claire Marchant, Cadeirydd of ADSS Cymru

As the incoming Cadeirydd of ADSS Cymru, I am delighted to introduce you to the brand new National Social Care Conference (NSCC) Network, which launches in May 2025.

Our annual conference is a pivotal event, creating space for reflection, learning and inspiration. It enables ADSS Cymru Members to connect with each other, and with partner organisations who work alongside us in leading the social care sector to deliver crucial care and support for some of the most vulnerable people in our communities.

In joining together in this way, we develop a shared understanding of the challenges and the possible solutions that can be created through working in partnership.

Every year, the National Social Care Conference enables us to gather in a creative and safe space to forge new connections and nurture vital relationships through inspiring and thought-provoking conversations. These interactions spark a powerful ripple effect as people return to their workplaces, invigorated with fresh ideas and energy. However, we recognise that sustaining this impact can be challenging as the buzz of the conference fades and the demands of daily work take over.

That's why we are launching the National Social Care Conference Network. We want to create a year-round opportunity for these important conversations to continue: to pool knowledge; to share learning; and to nurture and grow our ever-important professional community.

The Network will be the space where ideas meet opportunity and, together, we will continue to shape the future of social care in Wales.

I hope that you will want to join with us and be part of this new and exciting initiative. Please read on for more information about how to get involved.

# The new NSCC Network

The NSCC Network is a professional community dedicated to fostering collaboration and innovation amongst all leaders working to deliver social care in Wales. It will build on the success of the annual National Social Care Conference (NSCC), as a powerful example of what can be achieved when ADSS Cymru members, and our partner organisations, come together to develop a shared understanding of the challenges faced by the sector, and the possible solutions that can be created through purposeful collaboration.

Over time, the conference has generated an informal network through the professional relationships that are created and strengthened each year. As the creator of the NSCC, and as the collective voice of senior Local Authority social care leaders in Wales, ADSS Cymru is now establishing a more formal network that enables these important relationships to grow and flourish, supporting each other and the wider sector.

We recognise the pressure that colleagues in social care and the wider sector face, and we want to do everything we can to make the Network widely accessible to all those who would benefit from the meaningful connection, engagement and collaborations created.

Our aim is that the NSCC Network will energise and invigorate the collective social care leadership contribution across the public, third and private sector landscape in Wales: enabling innovation; supporting improvement; and driving positive change for our people and our communities.



# Network Members

As a member of the NSCC Network, you will position your organisation at the forefront of innovation, collaboration, and influence within the social care sector, making this a compelling opportunity for leaders and organisations who are seeking to make a lasting impact.

By becoming a founding member, you will have the opportunity to connect with like-minded peers dedicated to improving social care across the spectrum of service delivery in Wales. The Network aims to actively shape future initiatives, so by becoming a member, you will benefit from those conversations with sector leaders and partner organisations.

You will also be first to hear about projects and innovations within the broader Network through newsletters, bespoke events, and regular updates as the Network grows and the programme develops.

Additional benefits include preferential access to the annual National Social Care Conference and related events, invitations to exclusive briefing events with ADSS Cymru and key stakeholders, and access to a regular members' bulletin highlighting events and opportunities to inform and enhance practice.

# Membership Opportunities

## **Knowledge Sharing & Learning**

By becoming a member of the NSCC Network, you will gain access to exclusive webinars and expert-led discussions, keeping you up to date with the latest developments in social care in Wales. You will receive regular newsletters, providing sector updates and sharing innovative practice, ensuring that you stay ahead of emerging trends. You will also be invited to participate in open-mic nights and interactive lunch-and-learn sessions to help inform meaningful discussions, knowledge sharing, and professional growth.

## **Networking & Collaboration**

Connect with sector leaders, policymakers, and innovators, as a member of the Network, to help build valuable professional relationships. You will receive exclusive invitations to networking and strategy events, providing a platform for meaningful discussions and collaboration. Your membership will also actively contribute to sector-wide initiatives, working together to drive positive change and innovation in social care.

## **Visibility & Recognition**

Feature in member spotlights, blogs, and case studies, to showcase your expertise and achievements. You may also present your projects and innovations to a wider audience, gaining visibility and sharing innovative practice with peers across the sector. This exposure will help you to earn recognition for your contributions to social care, reinforcing your impact and leadership within the field.

## **Exclusive Events & Preferential Access**

As a member of the NSCC Network, you will enjoy preferential access to the annual NSCC conference and related events, ensuring that you stay at the forefront of sector discussions and developments. You will benefit from exclusive briefings with ADSS Cymru leadership, who will provide valuable insights into policy updates, strategic priorities, and emerging trends in social care.

# Benefits Summary

Category	Benefit	Member
Conference and related events	<p>Preferential terms for delegate tickets</p> <p>Preferential exhibitor and/or sponsor opportunities</p> <p>Priority booking access for tickets and/or exhibition space</p>	✓
Quarterly membership events	<p>May: "The Year Ahead" - join us for our LIVE launch event and an introduction to the incoming ADSS Cymru Cadeirydd</p> <p>July: An online audience with Claire Marchant, Cadeirydd, looking ahead to this years' conference</p> <p>October: Exclusive brunch on day 1 of NSCC for Network Partners and Members, with the Cadeirydd and ADSS Cymru Leadership team</p> <p>January: An online lunch-and-learn session tailored to current landscape and upcoming priorities</p>	✓
Exclusive events and opportunities	<p>Sponsor and support relevant themed Open Mic events (online) where members pitch for opportunity to address the network and share their insights</p>	✓
Network newsletter	<p>Receive and contribute to a quarterly newsletter sharing information, opportunities and good practice from fellow partners, members and ADSS Cymru</p>	✓
Briefings	<p>Opportunity to attend (online) and receive written briefings on current events and changes including research, strategy, policy and practice</p>	✓

# How to Apply:

*Join a growing network of professionals dedicated to shaping the future of social care in Wales.*

The NSCC Network is committed to welcoming a range of organisations as members. For those who supply services and products to social care and related sectors, becoming a member offers an exceptional opportunity to connect with others, make a difference to vulnerable communities whilst also promoting awareness of your organisation.

We also welcome members from all other sectors who may have an interest in social care, including (but not restricted to) those in health, education, housing, technology, and community services. Whether you are a researcher, policymaker, business leader, or service provider, your insights and expertise can contribute to meaningful discussions and innovative solutions. By joining the NSCC Network, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with social care professionals and leaders, share innovative practice, and explore new ways to support individuals and communities that bring positive benefit.

Business Size	Definition*	Annual Contribution
Large Organisation or Local Authority	£50 million annual turnover, 250 or more employees	£5000
Medium Organisation	Between £10 to £50 million annual turnover, 50 to 249 employees	£2500
Small Organisation	Up to £10 million turnover, between 10 and 49 employees	£1250
Micro organisation	Under 2 million turnover, 9 or fewer employees,	£500

\*this definition of business size is taken from Gov.uk Business characteristics guidance notes - GOV.UK

To join the NSCC Network, please register your interest [here](#), and one of our team will be in touch.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Louise Sweeney, our Network Lead.

Louise can be contacted by emailing [louise.sweeney@adss.cymru](mailto:louise.sweeney@adss.cymru) or telephoning 01443 742641.

# FAQs

## About our Membership

### What types of Membership subscriptions do you offer?

The NSCC Network offers two types of membership package:

- Network Membership – for all types of organisations; based on your organisation size and turnover there are varying rates (see information above).
- Founding Partner – for organisations who want a closer collaboration with the NSCC Network and to benefit from bespoke, impactful opportunities and insights. Contact us for more information.

### Is each membership option limited to a certain type of organisation?

No, our membership options are not limited to an organisation type, we encourage memberships from all sectors and all types of organisations. However, if you have any queries or specific requirements, please contact us before taking out a membership to discuss your requirements.

### Is my organisation already a member?

All members of ADSS Cymru will become members of the National Social Care Conference Network automatically in that all local authorities in Wales will be represented by their Director and Leadership Team. If you are unsure whether your organisation is already a member of the NSCC Network, please contact us and we will be happy to advise.

## Taking out a Membership

### How do I sign up?

Please follow this [link](#) to register your interest and one of our team will be in touch.

### How long does my membership last?

A membership runs for 12 months from the date of your first payment. We do not normally pro-rata subscriptions or provide refunds.

### What payment options are available?

We offer annual payments via invoice or online. Quarterly payments available on request.

### How do I renew my membership?

The NSCC Network will invoice members one month before their renewal is due. Payment is required within 30 days of the date of the invoice, after which member benefits will end if the invoice is not paid.

### How do I cancel my membership?

We understand that circumstances may change, and you may be unable to renew your membership. If this is the case, please contact us and we will end your membership at your next renewal date.

We always welcome feedback so we can improve our membership offer, so if you wish to cancel your membership we would appreciate it if you could let us know why.

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## Using Member benefits

### How many people can benefit from Network Membership in my organisation?

Each organisation has a primary contact and up to four additional members who will receive our member exclusive benefits, including newsletters, invitations to events and other member specific content. These contacts can share information and resources within your organisation. You can add or change your contacts by e-mailing [louise.sweeney@adss.cymru](mailto:louise.sweeney@adss.cymru)

### What type of events do you run?

We have a full programme of events, including webinars, roundtables and face to face sessions.

### How do I get my Members discount when booking onto events?

Many of our member events are free, but if you wish to book onto a paid event please select the 'Member Special' discounted ticket. Please note that if you book at the member rate but are not a current member, we reserve the right to charge the full price.

### Can I bring guests to an event as a member?

Members may bring up to two guests to an event (dependent on availability) and be charged at the members guest price. We sometimes restrict this for very popular events, but we'll include this in the event description.

### Can I recommend a speaker or event?

Yes, we really appreciate receiving new ideas, please get in touch with us.

### How do I keep up to date?

We mainly use email to let you know about opportunities and we use ActiveCampaign as our sender. To avoid missing out, do make sure that your organisation allows receipt of newsletters and add us to your list of safe senders. We will also share regular updates on social media, and we'd love to connect with you on LinkedIn.

### How do I get the most out of my membership?

We encourage all members to engage in open discussions, bringing their ideas while respecting differing opinions. Unless specified as private, event content may be photographed and shared on social media but **not** used for commercial purposes without prior permission. Any conversations between members, or with guests outside of the network or scheduled events, are considered private and should not be shared. Please note that members are responsible for ensuring their guests adhere to these guidelines.

## Finding out more

### Who do I contact about my membership?

Please e-mail [louise.sweeney@adss.cymru](mailto:louise.sweeney@adss.cymru) with your query and one of the team will get back to you.

# Notes & guidance

## About ADSS Cymru

ADSS Cymru (the Association of Directors of Social Services Cymru) is the professional and strategic leadership organisation for decision makers within social services in Wales. It represents statutory directors of social services and senior leaders from all 22 local authorities across Wales, as well as regional partnerships. ADSS Cymru plays a vital role in shaping and influencing social care policy, championing collaboration, and driving improvements in the sector to ensure better outcomes for individuals, families, and communities. ADSS Cymru represents over 320 members, ensuring a strong, unified voice for social care in Wales.

It is vital that ADSS cymru maintains its independence and does not allow external partnerships to bring the name of ADSS Cymru or the NSCC Network into disrepute. This section has been developed to ensure clarity and openness to all stakeholders.

### **NSCC Network seeks to:**

- Be open and transparent in its dealings with external organisations
- Work on initiatives that do not compromise the independent status and reputation of the NSCC Network.
- Work with organisations who are consistent with our values.
- Ensure no organisation can expect exclusive relations with the NSCC Network, to give that organisation an advantage over its competitors.
- For further information on this, please contact [louise.sweeney@adss.cymru](mailto:louise.sweeney@adss.cymru)

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## Exclusions

The NSCC Network will not offer for use or sale as part of any partnership arrangement personal data, which it holds under the Data Protection Act or General Data Protection Regulation. The NSCC Network insists on the retention of complete editorial control over its published work and, whilst happy to receive suggestions, does not allow partners to decide the content of publications, conferences, seminars, or other events.

The NSCC Network will not work with, or accept donations from, organisations whose activities, policies, aims or objectives distract from its own. The full list of these can be found at [nsc.cymru/network](https://nsc.cymru/network)

# Further Information

All prices listed are subject to VAT.

For further information or to discuss a package to suit your budget requirements, please contact:

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Requests to negotiate on the cost of our Membership will be considered. Accepting sponsorship does not advocate endorsement or support for the partner's products or cause, please see notes and guidance.

