

Tunstall Healthcare commits to the new ADASS and TSA Commission

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Tunstall Healthcare has announced its involvement and sponsorship of the newly launched ADASS (Directors of Adult Social Services) and TEC Services Association (TSA) joint commission. The commission will explore the role of technology in a reformed social care system and will present key recommendations to the government at its conclusion in March 2021.

The Commission will create a powerhouse of influential figures in adult social care, health and housing, including local authority Directors of Adult Social Services, Chief Executives from councils, care and housing bodies, and leaders from NHSX, Department of Health and Social Care, Local Government Association, plus leading TEC suppliers.

Tunstall, the UK-based pioneering software, hardware and services company, has invested heavily in the development of a range of technology solutions which can support vulnerable people in their community, enabling early interventions to avoid the need for more complex care.

Gordon Sutherland, CEO at Tunstall Healthcare, said: "Technology has a key role to play in increasing the capacity of our health and social care services, and enabling flexibility in the way care is delivered. This will make care more proactive and predictive, and help to address future challenges. Technology is an enabler and to avoid the devastating effects seen during COVID-19 we must create more resilience within the system. Services need to understand the benefits of technology and must investigate how we can meet surges in demand and protect the population.

"I'm looking forward to contributing to the report for the government with partners on the commission by sharing knowledge and expertise to ensure changes are made now to safeguard the future. We'll be considering how care and support services and new technology can be combined to provide more preventive, responsive support to people and meet future needs and expectations, alongside shaping the debate on the role technology plays in delivering care and supporting integration at a personal, place and system level."

ADASS and TSA have a shared ambition to create a roadmap for improving social care through better access to and commissioning of digital solutions, and for the widespread normalisation of technology within health and social care services/provision.

The Commission will consider the barriers and enablers to greater technology adoption, and look at ways to galvanise social care commissioners and policy makers to use technology more readily and rapidly in order to solve common challenges around care, health and housing.

The aim of the Commission's report is to present a series of clear, tangible recommendations to central and local government on how to scale up and mainstream the use of everyday devices, data insights and specialist technology to extend people's healthy lifespans and enrich their lives.

The Commission's report will launch at TSA's [International Technology Enabled Care Conference](#) on 23 March 2021.