



SESCA Conference

09.30 – 3.30pm, Wednesday, 26th June 2024

St. Anne's Manor, Wokingham, Berkshire

Programme

- 09:30-10:15 **REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS**
- 10:15 **Welcome, Housekeeping & Introductions**
Erica Lockhart, Chair, SESCO
- 10:20 **SESCA – The Journey So Far**
Objectives, international recruitment project, future and ADASS partnership
Erica Lockhart, Chair, SESCO
Robyn Noonan, Programme Director Southeast, ADASS
- 10:45 **Growth Through Collaboration**
The collaborative efforts driving SESCO's growth, the company setup and strategic direction moving forward.
Eddy McDowall, Chief Executive, Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers
Cliff Grand-Scrutton, Director, Berkshire Care Association
- 11:15-11:45 **COMFORT BREAK**
- 11:45 **Social Care Opportunities and Challenges – the CAA Perspective**
Melanie Weatherley MBE, Co-Chair of the Care Association Alliance (CAA)
- 12:15 **Reinventing Social Care**
Charles Taylor, Workforce Lead, Reinventing Social Care
Ian Bennett, Director, Isle of Wight Care Partnership (IOWCP)
- 13:00-14:00 **LUNCH**
- 14:00 **CQC Single Assessment Framework**
Sultana Ishaq-Pasha, CQC Regulatory Consultant, Manor Group Consulting
- 14:30 **Cyber Security**
Mark Godsland – Cyber Protect Officer, Thames Valley Police
- 15.00 **AI in Social Care**
Alex Plenty, Founder & Senior Technical Advisor, PredicAire
- 15.30 **Final Questions & Close**
Erica Lockhart, Chair, SESCO

REFRESHMENTS & FURTHER NETWORKING

Speakers

Erica Lockart, Chair of Southeast Social Care Alliance (SESCA)



Erica Lockhart is a distinguished social care champion with 50 years of experience in the industry. Before founding SESCOA in 2021, she was the Chief Executive of Surrey Care Association for 15 years, collaborating with adult social care providers throughout Surrey. At SESCOA, Erica unites care associations across the Southeast, representing providers on regional groups and shaping policy and practice developments. She also spearheads a DHSC-funded project on international recruitment for social care.

Melanie Weatherley MBE, Co-Chair of the Care Association Alliance (CAA)



Melanie is the Co-Chair of the CAA – a national body bringing together representatives of care associations to engage with the wider health and care system. She co-founded Walnut Care in 2002, one of the largest domiciliary care providers in Lincolnshire. A passionate advocate for home care, she has chaired the Lincolnshire Care Association since 2016. She is also a Fellow of NICE and Skills for Care. In 2020, Melanie was honoured with an MBE for her services to social care.

Robyn Noonan, Programme Director Southeast,
Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS)



Robyn serves as Programme Director Southeast at ADASS, a membership charity and a leading independent voice for adult social care. She was previously Area Service Manager for Adult Social Care at Oxfordshire County Council, where she worked for 14-years. Her extensive experience also includes roles as National Personalisation Adviser and National Service Framework Adviser for the Department of Health, and a standing member of the National Quality Standards Advisory Committee for NICE.

Eddy McDowall, Chief Executive, Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers (OACP)



Eddy has dedicated nearly 40 years to the field of adult social care, with 26 years in local government and positions at the Department of Health and the Local Government Association. He possesses extensive experience in leading partnership projects with diverse stakeholders. Over the past decade as CEO of OACP, Eddy has successfully established and developed Oxfordshire's care association for adult social care providers.

Cliff Grand-Scrutton, Director, Berkshire Care Association



Cliff is the Director and Registered Manager of Larchfield House, a specialist Nursing Dementia home in Berkshire. He has held senior management positions for over 35 years, having started his career in the military and then transferring those skills to the healthcare market. Cliff is also Chair of a Dementia Charity and Chair of Advisors for a supported living group.

Charles Taylor, Workforce Lead, Reinventing Social Care



Charles Taylor is the Workforce Lead at Reinventing Social Care, with a commitment to developing innovative strategies to enhance the social care workforce. He also serves as Chairman of the Oxfordshire Care Homes Association (OCHA), a non-profit membership organization supporting care homes across Oxfordshire. Additionally, Charles owns Taylor and Taylor Care Group, a family-run business operating four care homes across the Midlands.

Ian Bennett, Director, Isle of Wight Care Partnership (IOWCP)



Ian is the Director of IOWCP where he supports and represents care providers on the Isle of Wight. He is also the Managing Director of Island Healthcare Ltd, a care provider with 166 beds on the Isle of Wight. Previously, Ian served as an Integrated Commissioning Officer at the IOW Council, focusing on provider support, alliance contracting, outcomes-based commissioning, and transformation projects including hospital-to-home transitions and quality assurance.

Sultana Ishaq-Pasha MBA CMI, CQC Regulatory Consultant, Manor Group Consulting



Sultana has over 15 years of experience within Health and Social Care Regulation. Her passion is to support services that are in need of mentoring and coaching to enable them to achieve exceptional outcomes for their clients and residents. As an Ex-CQC inspector Sultana has seen the best and the worst that care has to offer. Through the creation of Manor Group Consulting her aim is to provide a one stop shop for providers to have access to all the tools they need to achieve better outcomes.

Mark Godsland, Cyber Protect Officer, Thames Valley Police



Mark has been involved in UK policing since 1988. He served with Gloucestershire Constabulary in various roles, supporting national crime prevention initiatives and engaging with the business community. In 2018, Mark joined Thames Valley Police as a Cyber Protect Officer. He develops and implements a Force-wide Cyber Protect strategy, focusing on proactive cyber-crime prevention and reduction. Mark delivers cyber awareness presentations to community groups and businesses, and conducts board-level practical exercises.

Alex Plenty, Founder & Senior Technical Advisor, PredicAire



Alex's background is rooted in computer science and AI, having completed his BSc at King's College London with a final year project on AI solutions. Over 25 years, he built advanced analytics and AI solutions for global financial services institutions. His roles have included Lead for Data, Analytics, and AI for Insurance Consulting at IBM UK, and FS Data and Analytics Services Lead for Genpact Europe. As PredicAire's Senior Technical Advisor, Alex's goal is to bring the benefits of AI to the care sector, ensuring its effective use to improve care delivery as it has in other industries.