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WORKING TOGETHER FOR ADULT HEALTH

- **Who are ADASS?**

- **What do we do?**

ADASS Leadership Organisation for Adult Social Care

- 150 Serving Directors
- 140 Associates (former Directors)
- Business Unit based in Local Government House
- Grown out of ADSS

Objectives of ADASS

- To be a strong, national voice for adult social care
- To increasingly develop and influence the prevention, health and wellbeing agenda
- To contribute to and comment on Government policy, resource allocation, guidance etc – a critical friend
- To provide information and commentary to the media and publicly in relation to social care
- To be a developmental and supportive organisation for directors

- 50% of Directors have responsibilities for housing (commissioning and providing)
- 40% Crime prevention, community regeneration, safer communities, neighbourhood services
- 25% Culture, leisure, adult learning
- Most are lead officer for health issues

Why is it important we work together?

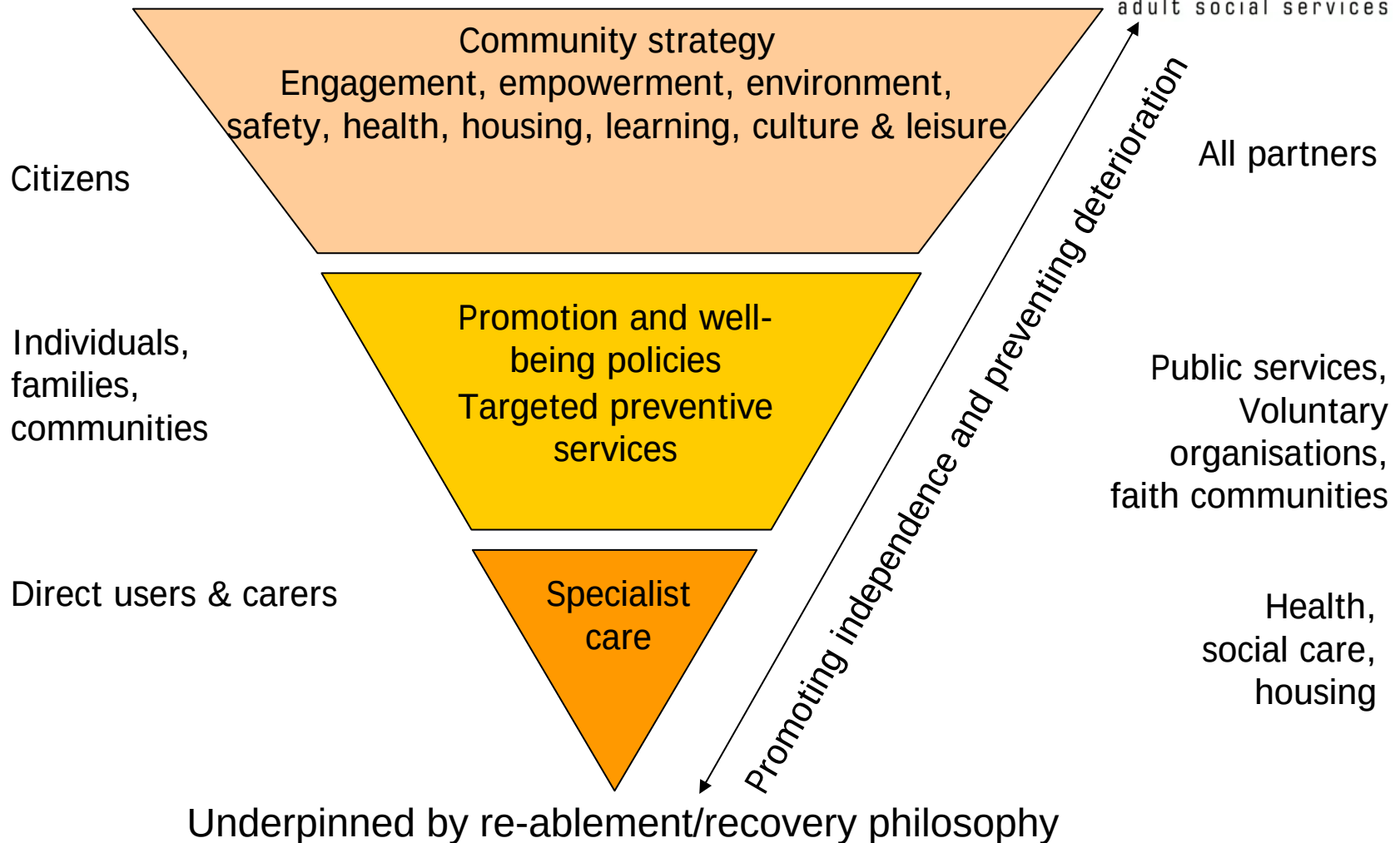
Commissioning The New Realities for Adults

- PCT and Local Authorities key commissioners of public services
- Rising public expectations
- Demographic change
- Rising numbers of people with long-term conditions
- Patient / user centred self directed care
- Challenging resource environment (workforce and financial)
- Integrated commissioning includes practice-based commissioning, specialist health commissioning and all Local Authority services

Patricia Hewitt's Priorities for Public Health

- Smoking
- Obesity
- Independence for Older People

The inverted triangle of care



How Can We Do It?

- Shared agenda
- Joint posts
- Lead Members for Health
- Joint Strategic Health and Social Care Needs Assessment
- Shared research and intelligence
- Use Local Authority knowledge and work with communities and other partnerships with public health expertise of what works
- Jointly commission / provide programmes / services including and beyond health and social care, housing, culture and leisure
- Use our huge local organisations / employees as exemplars and ambassadors

How Can We Do It?

- LAA's
- Neighbourhood Management
- Devolved budgets and decision making
- Integrated Neighbourhood Team
- Using the Voluntary / Community Sector
- Integrated Health and Social Care Plans
- Culture of recovery and reablement

Summary

- Ever closer working at national and local levels
- Leadership from Council and PCT on importance of this agenda (not an add-on)
- Councils and Directors of Adult Social Services are up for this

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