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SSSC Chief Executive addresses Commonwealth conference

SSSC Chief Executive, Anna Fowlie, will address a Commonwealth conference on the challenges of preparing the social service workforce for an ageing population this week.

She will be speaking at the conference **Ageing in Common: an international perspective** which takes place from 16-18 April in Berkshire. The conference incorporates the inaugural Commonwealth Elders' Forum which links with the [Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting](#).

On day two of the conference Anna will take part in a panel discussion on behalf of Skills for Care and Development, which represents the UK's four social service workforce regulators from Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland. She will speak alongside representatives from Malaysia and the UN as they consider the workforce challenges associated with an ageing population.

Speaking about the conference Anna said: 'I'm very pleased to be speaking at this prestigious event with representatives from across the UK and the Commonwealth on the important challenges facing social services.

'It is a great opportunity to share learning and knowledge with an international audience.

'I'm particularly pleased to be speaking on behalf of Skills for Care and Development about the UK perspective as the four nations have a strong partnership which supports all of our work.'

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Notes to the editor

The **Ageing in Common: an international perspective** conference incorporating the inaugural Commonwealth Elders' Forum and the NFC UK Conference takes place from 16-18 April 2018 at at [DeVere Wokefield Estate Hotel and Conference Centre](#), Berkshire.

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Background

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) is the regulator for the social service workforce in Scotland. Our work means the people of Scotland can count on social services being provided by a trusted, skilled and confident workforce.

We protect the public by registering social service workers, setting standards for their practice, conduct, training and education and by supporting their professional development. Where people fall below the standards of practice and conduct we can investigate and take action.

We:

- publish the national codes of practice for people working in social services and their employers
- register people working in social services and make sure they adhere to our codes of practice
- promote and regulate the learning and development of the social service workforce
- are the national lead for workforce development and planning for social services in Scotland.

Each country in the UK has its own regulatory body that is responsible for the registration and regulation of social workers and/or social service workers in their country. They are: the Social Care Wales, the Northern Ireland Social Care Council and the Scottish Social Services Council. The Health and Care Professions Council regulates social workers in England only.

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