Thank you Beverley, I was really pleased to be invited and I enjoyed it. I think you are a very impressive group of people doing a tough and complex job. I was extremely impressed with the enthusiasm and good humour in the room. If there is any way of feeding this back to your members I would be very grateful.

I look forward to seeing your list of issues which together with our Resources network we would wish to help progress in the Care Act Programme.

Once again, I am sorry that the Birmingham rush hour defeated me in my quest to get to you on time. However, it was also a struggle getting out. I left the LD awards at soon after 12.00 midnight and got back via two closed roads to Nottingham at 2.45 am!! I am going to have to revise my lift anecdote about leadership knowing not only where you are going but how you are going to get there!

Best wishes

David Pearson

President ADASS