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Reviewing the past
to prepare for the future

***What has become of Social
Work with Adults?***

21st October 2021

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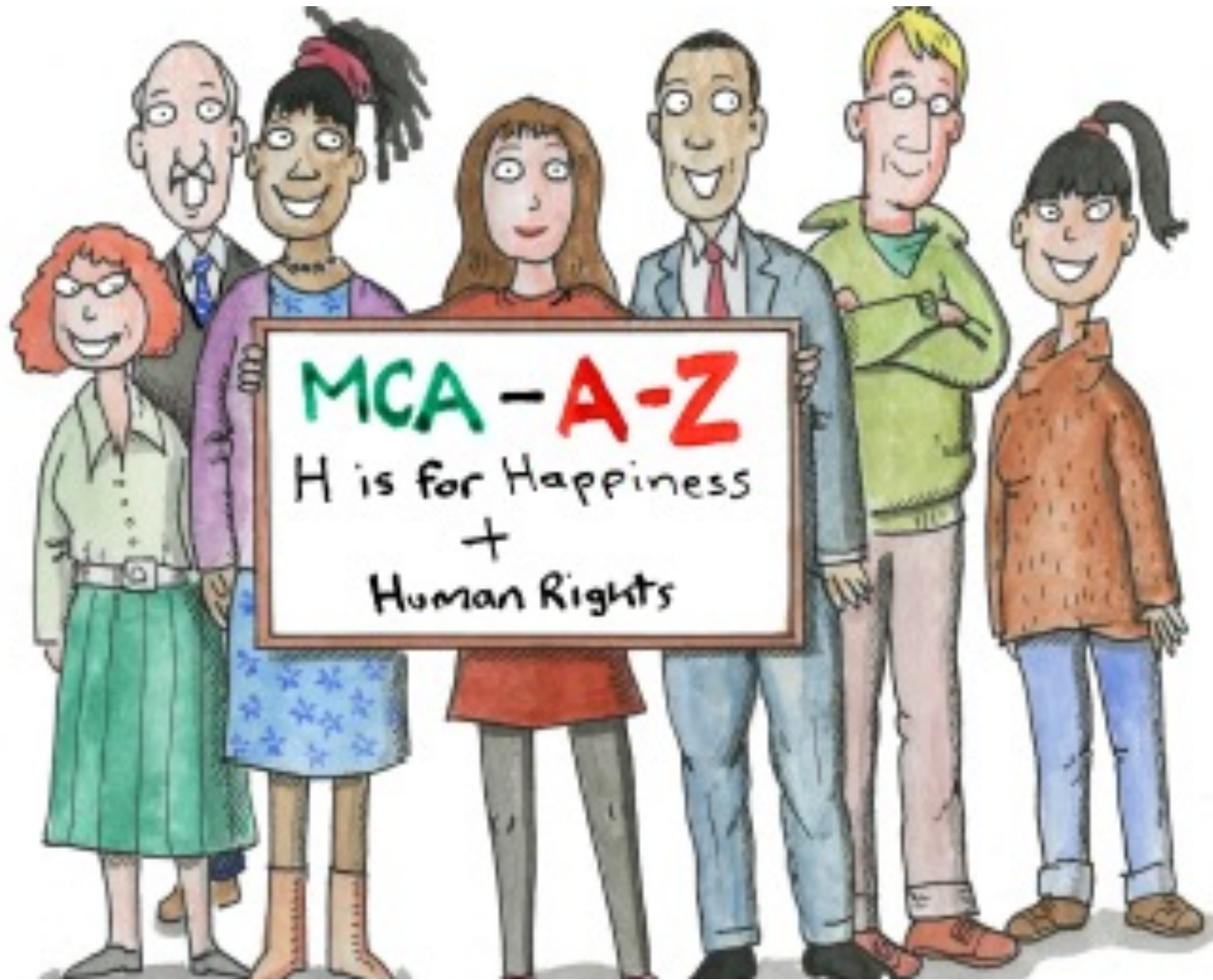
**David N Jones,
Social Work History Network
Chair**



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Introductions

Brian Parrott



Adult Social Work

Rob Mitchell, Principal
Social Worker

The Wilderness Years

- Defined social work as care brokerage & delivered from the heart of regulations, licencing & enforcement.
- Process led practices and conveyor belts of care
- Medical model approach to integration that sees Local Authorities divest themselves of mental health social work
- Impact:
 - Home Care and private Care Home Markets mass expansion
 - Outsourcing of care and support provided by Local Authorities
 - High care home placements for all client groups & the rise of the safeguarding industry
 - Health inequalities – social work diverted from tackling social justice
 - Rise of managerialism and devaluing of professional social work skills



How does care management look and feel?



Adults Health & Social Care

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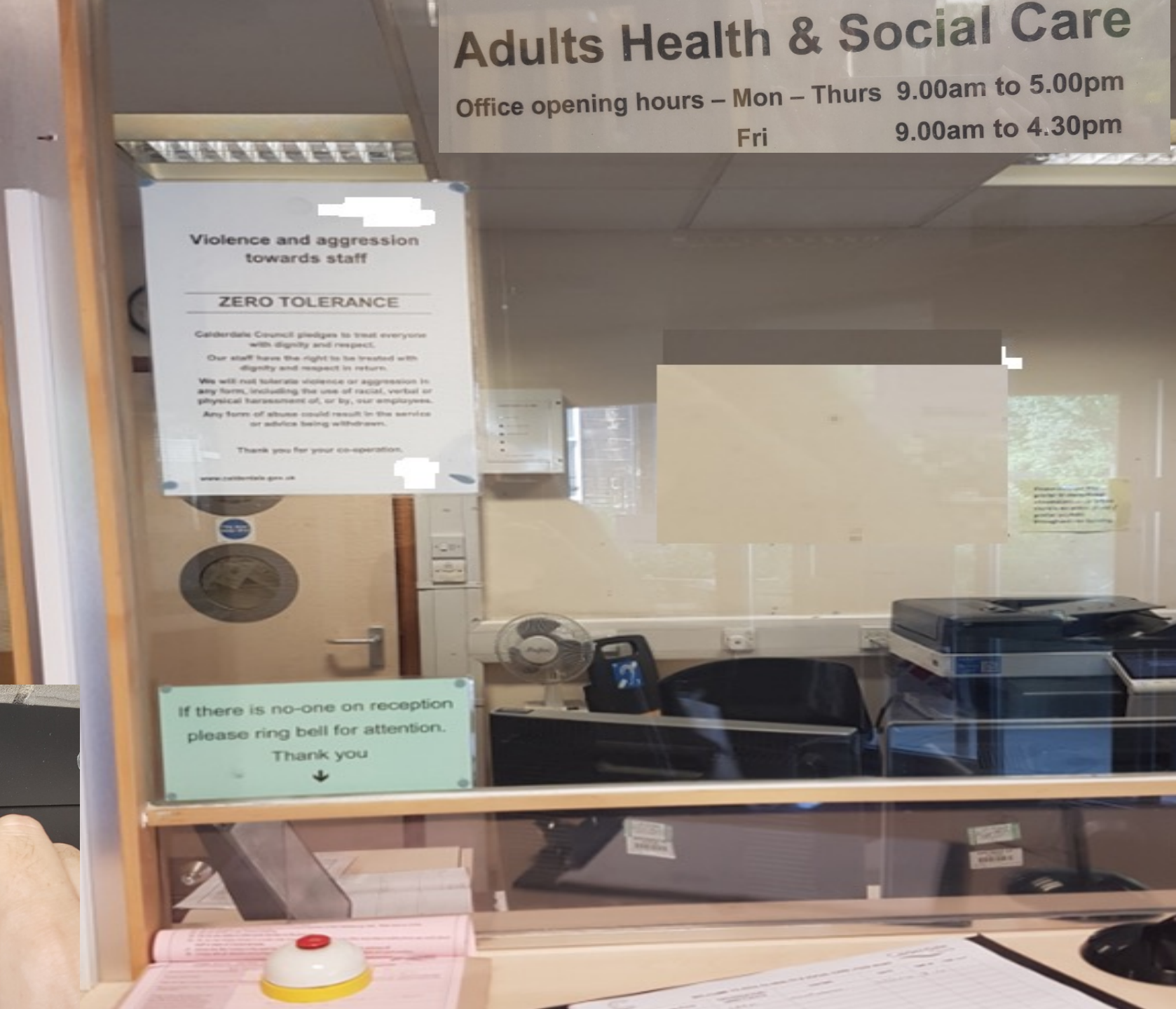
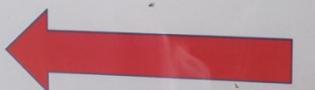
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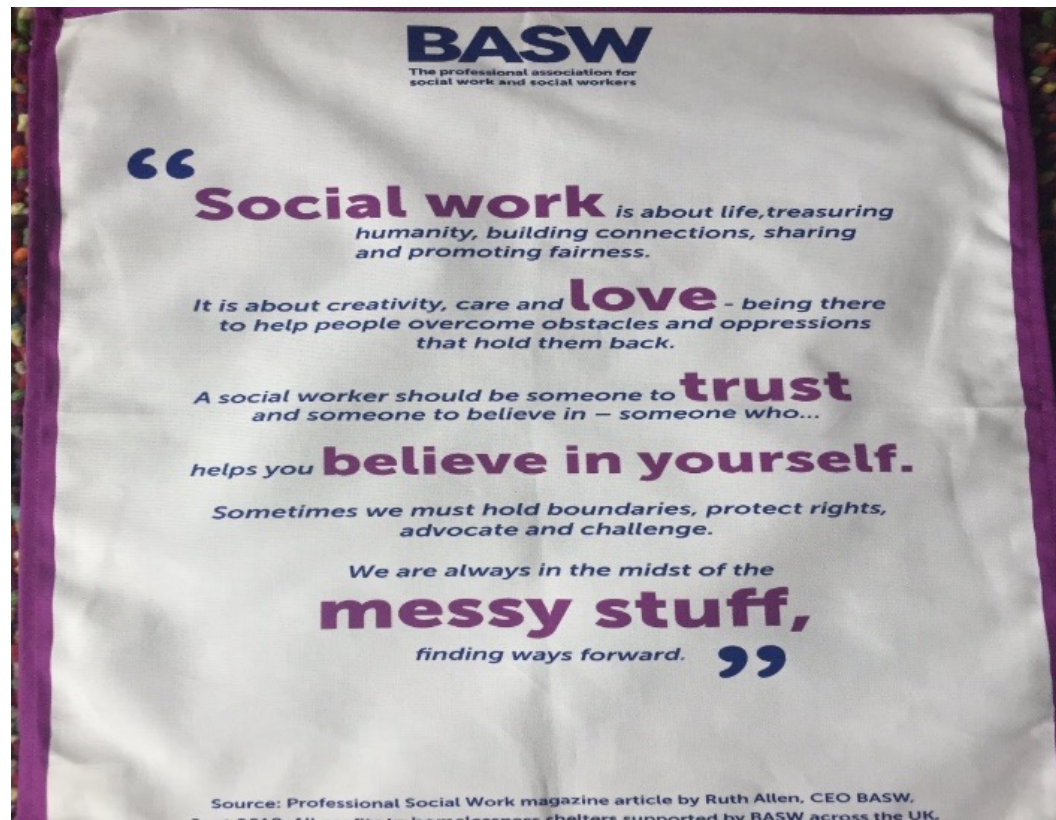
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“Social Work is about life, treasuring humanity, building connections, sharing and promoting fairness. It is about creativity, care and love – being there to help people overcome obstacles and oppressions which hold them back. For people using our services, a social worker should be someone to trust and believe in – someone who helps you believe in yourself. Sometimes we must hold our boundaries, protect rights, advocate and challenge. We are always in the midst of the messy stuff, finding ways forwards.”

(Allen, R. (2018). “Welcome new social workers the world really needs you!”, *Professional Social Work Magazine*, British Association of Social Workers, September 2018, pp. 27.)

Social Workers are Allies and Accomplices

- We stand in solidarity, accomplices disrupting the disabling impact of societal forces on people with disabilities
- Our human rights framework:
 - UNCRPD Article 12 – uphold wishes, feelings and beliefs
 - ECHR Article 1, Protocol 1 – any decision taken must be necessary, proportionate and it must lead to the situation being better for P, as P defines better, than what went before
 - UNCRC Article 9 and ECHR Article 5 – any decision taken must be in the person's best interest
 - Human Rights Act
 - Mental Capacity Statutory Principles and Mental Health Act Guiding Principles



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