

Experts by Experience Board: terms of reference

Background

On 15 January 2021 the government launched the independent review of children's social care. This review is independently led and offers a once in a generation opportunity to tackle the issues which affect children, young people and families with lived experience of children's social care.

The terms of reference for the review have been published [here](#).

Aims & Objectives

The Experts by Experience Board is one of the ways we'll be giving anyone who has had a social worker (either themselves or a child in their care) a voice in our review. The Board will be responsible for:

1. Helping the review to capture the views, experiences and opinions of care experienced children, young people, adults and families.
2. Allowing us to test and refine emerging findings with children, young people, adults and families throughout the review.
3. Guiding the review on how best to engage and hear the voices of other children, young people and families that have experience of the care system.

In order to achieve those three objectives, members of the Board may be asked to attend meetings, focus groups and visits, and directly contribute to the review's recommendations.

Membership

Membership is published on the review's website.

Governance

The Board will be chaired by one of its members. The secretariat will be provided by the care review team and / or a specialist third party with skills in facilitating similar groups.

Frequency

The Experts by Experience Board will meet virtually, approximately once every two months. The frequency and date of meetings will be determined by the independent reviewer (Josh MacAlister) and the chair of the Board. In between meetings we expect members may be asked to meet in smaller groups or attend events and workshops.