

# Expert by Experience Board

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

## Attendees

### **Board members:**

- Judith Denton
- Sean Geoghegan
- Chloe Robinson
- Helen Bell
- Janet Kay
- Chris Hoyle
- Angela Fraser-Wicks
- David Akinsanya
- Rhiannon Parkinson
- Esi Cathline
- Charmaine Orchard
- Margaret Mulowska
- Arif Salarzai
- Chris Wild
- Julianne Bayford

### **Review Team:**

- Josh MacAlister, Chair
- Duncan Dunlop, Independent Adviser to the Review
- Review Team members

### **Apologies:**

- Jerome Harvey-Agyei

### **Agenda Item 1: Getting to know each other (60 mins)**

- Josh did an introduction to the review and his role as chair ([IRCSC Early-Plans V2.pdf \(independent-review.uk\)](#)). The case for change will be published in the summer - this will shape the direction for the review. The EbyE group will own and make decisions on engagement with those with lived experience of children's social care throughout the review, including deciding how this is done.
- Each Board member introduced themselves and explained why they are on the Board. ([Experts by Experience - The Independent Review of Children's Social Care \(independent-review.uk\)](#))

### **Agenda Item 2: Purpose of the Board, ways of working and standards of behaviour**

- Josh set out what the purpose of the Board - to ensure the case for change and final recommendations accurately reflect what we have heard from the engagement in the review. The engagement should tell us what the issues are. The purpose is to own, shape and direct the

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engagement with children's social care experienced children, adults and families as part of the review; the review team will be directed by the Board on how to engage. Josh clarified that the group will not be expected to sign off the final recommendations or final report; the responsibility and accountability for this is with Josh.

- Two additional groups are being appointed: evidence group (academics, researchers) design group (those with experience of delivering children's social care).
- Josh would like EbyE members to nominate themselves to join either group if interested.
- Plan to set up a working group on racial disparities to look at experience of black and minority ethnic people in the care system, and would like some EbyE members to join.
- Hoping to send out list of future meetings dates in advance of our next meeting on 09/03, so Board members have them in their diaries in advance.
- Josh reminded the group about confidentiality and asked that information shared is held in confidence and handled with care.
- Review team will:
  - set up an expenses process for any costs incurred – this includes support for any Board members unable to work / get paid leave, to attend meetings;
  - set up a counselling support offer for those involved in the review; and
  - provide the secretariat function for the Board including circulating papers, agendas, taking notes of each meeting.
- A decision is needed at the next meeting about whether Josh should chair meetings, a member of the group, or rotate it around.

## Discussion

- Board member asked a question about how the group will ensure views of people with lived experience are reflected if not signing off on recommendations. Josh would like to come back on this, and this can be discussed in ways of working conversation at the meeting on 09/03.
- Josh confirmed that everyone was content with the existing terms of reference for the Board
  - no objections from the Board

## Actions

- Review team to send the terms of reference details for the other groups.
- Review team to send initial plans for engagement to the Board.

## Agenda Item 6: AOB

- Next meeting - Tuesday 9th March
- We would like to discuss ways of working and early plans for engagement in the next meeting