

# Expert by Experience Board

17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## Attendees

### **Board members:**

- Chris Hoyle (Chair)
- Janet Kay
- Jerome Harvey-Agyei
- Chris Wild
- Chloe Robinson
- Judith Denton
- Sean Geoghegan
- Helen Bell
- Angela Fraser-Wicks
- David Akinsanya
- Esi Cathline
- Margaret Mulowska
- Arif Salarzai
- Julianne Bayford

### **Review Team:**

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

### **Apologies:**

- Rhiannon Parkinson
- Charmaine Orchard

### **Agenda Item 1: Check In**

- The Chair welcomed the group and divided the group into small breakout groups for the check in activity.
- Review team member updated the Board on the communication plans for the review.

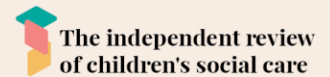
### **Discussion**

- Communicate clearly what we are trying to achieve and why change is needed and inspire confidence that change is possible. The review is moving to a new phase which provides an opportunity to reset comms and a chance to debate issues not process.
- Possible EbE-led comms could include events, visits, blog posts, and co-produce short films.

### **Actions**

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- EbE to indicate interest in communications activities via a google form that review team member will develop.

## Agenda Item 2: Evidence and Design Groups

- The Board received an update on the first Evidence group meeting and first Design Group meeting.
- Board member updated on a roundtable and PAUSE programme events

## Agenda Item 3: Case for Change

- In advance of the meeting, Board members were asked to review the case for change document and provide comments/feedback.
- The team will be doing a child-friendly document to make it more accessible – likely to be a video not a document but as yet undecided.
- The Board were asked to give feedback on the content of the case for change. What do you think we have got right/wrong? Is there anything important we are missing?

## Discussion

- The board highlighted areas that deserved a greater focus in the draft document, in particular: poverty and inequality; advocacy; family courts and their use; unregulated homes; gangs, county lines and child sexual exploitation; data on university education and care leavers; therapeutic support at home and at school; why no improvements have been made following previous reviews.
- It was suggested that the document should explore a clear divide between support and intervention. There shouldn't be stigma to ask for support, and we shouldn't be punishing people for asking for help. We have to make sure that social workers work with families and stop families being scared of social workers.
- The Board emphasised the importance of considering what good care could/should look like; having effective education support via virtual schools (or others); improved CAMHS and other community support services; reflective thinking and supervision in social work practice and quality training for social workers.
- They suggested creating a map of the journey and interaction of actors with the care system, and where the challenges are. Making the document more accessible with audio and video formats as well.


## Actions

- Review team to recirculate the document and keep the group updated on publication.

## Agenda Item 4: Workshops

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- Review team member presented slides on who and how many people we have engaged with over the last few months and what the main themes that have been coming out of engagement.

## Actions

- Review team member to circulate slides round.

## Agenda Item 5: AOB

- Review team member told the Board that we'd be paying a flat fee for attending Board meetings – which could be reclaimed retrospectively and was benchmarked against NHS patient panel rates, rates the IICSA Inquiry paid its lived experience board, and the rate some charities pay to participants in their work.