

Evidence Group

14th March 2022

Attendees

Evidence Group members:

- Leon Feinstein, Evidence Group Chair
- Paul Bywaters, Evidence Group
- Lisa Harker, Evidence Group
- John Simmonds, Evidence Group
- Oliver Southwick, Evidence Group
- Janet Kay, Experts by Experience Board & Evidence Group
- Dez Holmes, Evidence Group
- Geraldine Macdonald, Evidence Group
- Donald Forrester, Evidence Group

Review Team:

- Josh MacAlister, Chair
- Duncan Dunlop, Independent Adviser to the Review
- Review Team Members
- Evidence Group Secretariat

Observing:

- Eleanor Briggs, What Works for Children's Social Care
- Aoife O'Higgins, What Works for Children's Social Care

Apologies:

- Karen Broadhurst, Evidence Group
- Chris Wild, Experts by Experience Board & Evidence Group

Agenda Item 1: Introduction and agreeing minutes of previous meetings

- Leon welcomed the group and agreed previous minutes.

Agenda Item 2: Report drafting process

- The report has gone round to the groups for feedback and Josh and the team are reviewing all comments to inform the next draft.
- Team members are currently drafting annexes which include more detail on the recommendations and the evidence group are welcome to review the evidence used in them.
- The review team will share commissioned work from WWC CSC for the group to give feedback. Most of them have already been peer reviewed so group should focus on how the findings have been in the review.

- Group members were reminded to consider any conflicts of interests in providing feedback on the draft.

Agenda Item 3: Feedback submitted from the group on the first draft

- Josh thanked the group for providing feedback on the early draft.
- Josh discussed the main themes of feedback submitted by the evidence group and the team's reflection on the feedback. The group added additional themes to discuss.

Discussion

- *Minutes were not taken for this part of the discussion as the report is still a draft, and therefore not official review policy.*

Actions

- Leon to consider holding a further group meeting (7,1)

Agenda item 4: Next steps

- The evidence group will provide feedback on text to be included in the report describing how the review has used evidence more generally.
- The team will continue to consider all comments and work on the next draft.
- The team will hold another meeting in April with the group if useful to discuss evidence.

Agenda Item 5: AOB

- Thanked the group for joining and close.