

**Looked after children and young people - Committee Meeting 9**

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Location:** Zoom

**Minutes:** Final

<b>Committee members present:</b>		
Melanie Bracewell	Consultant Community Paediatrician	Present until 12.45
Stephanie Butler	Lay member	Present for all
Devonte Cook	Lay member	Present for all
Amy Darwin	Social Worker	Present for all
Maureen Giles	Vice Chair & Education consultant for LACYP	Present for all
Annabel Grace	Lay member	Present until 12.25
Julie Hamilton	Director, Keys Childcare	Present until 12.45
Kat Smoraczewska	Social Worker	Present for all
Jenifer Wakelyn	Child and adolescent psychotherapist	Present from 9.30 – 11.20 and from 12.45 to close.
David Whatton	Lay member	Present for all

<b>In attendance:</b>		
Brett Doble (BD)	Health Economics, Technical Adviser	Present for all
Stephen Duffield (SD)	Technical Analyst	Present for all
Anthony Gildea (AG)	Project Manager	Present for all
Hannah Lomax	Health Economics, Technical Analyst	Present for all
Caroline Mulvihill (CM)	Technical Adviser	Present for all
Nick Staples (NS)	Guideline Commissioning Manager	Present for all
<b>Also attending:</b>		
James Rattigan	Lay member PA	Present for all
Cath Larkins	Director, The Centre for Children and Young People's Participation	Present from 11.30 – 12.45
Mark Pearson	Excelsior Safeguarding	Present from 9.30 – 10.15

**Apologies:**

Penny Greenwood	Public Health England
Nancy Sayer	Consultant Nurse
Renu Jainer	Consultant Community Paediatrician
Marie Burnham	Chair
Sue Spiers	Associate Director, Guideline Updates Team

**Item 1**

- Welcome

Maureen Giles, Vice-chair, welcomed everyone to this ninth meeting of the looked after children and young people guideline committee. The Vice-chair also confirmed that the Chair of the committee, Marie Burnham (MB), had given her apologies for this meeting. Further apologies were noted as listed above.

The Vice-chair reminded the committee of some of the functions on Zoom and how these should be used during the day.

- Declarations of interest

The Vice-chair requested the committee declare any new/additional DOI's since the last meeting. No new interests were declared.

- Minutes from the last meeting

The committee agreed the minutes from the previous meeting with no further amendments required.

**Item 2**

- Expert testimony - Criminal exploitation, trafficking, gangs and county lines

The Vice-chair introduced Mark Pearson (MP), CEO of Excelsior Safeguarding and provided some background on his professional role.

MP thanked the Vice-chair and provided expert testimony to the committee on his and his organisation's role in supporting looked after children and young people vulnerable to criminal exploitation, trafficking, gangs and county lines.

Following his presentation, the committee asked MP some key questions for clarification.

The Vice-chair and the whole committee thanked MP for his presentation at this point he left the meeting.

**Item 3**

- Expert-testimony – committee discussion and recommendations

The committee discussed MP's expert testimony in detail and recommendations were drafted in this area with support from the NICE team.

#### **Item 4**

- Focus group with children - findings

The Vice-chair welcomed Cath Larkins (CL) from the University of Central Lancashire to present some of the findings from their qualitative research with looked after children and young people focus groups.

The committee were given the opportunity to ask CL questions.

The Vice-chair and committee thanked CL for her presentation. The committee were reminded CL would be attending future meetings to discuss this research again. At this point CL left the meeting.

#### **Item 5**

- Focus group with children findings – committee discussion.

The committee discussed the findings from this research in detail. The NICE team noted all discussions and potential recommendations.

#### **Item 6**

- Review question 1.2: evidence and recommendations

The Vice-chair introduced Stephen Duffield (SD) who presented evidence from review area 1.2: *Barriers and facilitators for supporting care placement stability among looked-after children and young people.*

The committee discussed the evidence and made recommendations with support from the NICE team.

The Vice-chair thanked SD for his presentation and the committee for their contribution.

#### **Item 7**

- Review question 2.2: evidence and recommendations

SD presented evidence from review area 2.2 *barriers and facilitators for supporting positive relationships among looked-after children and young people.*

The committee discussed the evidence and made recommendations with support from the NICE team.

The Vice-chair thanked SD for his presentation and the committee for their contribution.

**Item 8**

- AOB, summary and next steps

The Vice-chair thanked the committee for their contributions to the day and summarised the next steps. As there were no items of AOB, she thanked everyone and brought the meeting to a close.

**Date of next meeting:** 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

**Location of next meeting:** Zoom