

London Adoption Board
16th January 2017, 12.00 – 1.30pm

Chair: Ian Lewis (IL)

Attendees: Bryan Edmands (BE), Helen Edwards (HE), Carolyn Fair (CF), Jan Fishwick (JF), Lisa Garnett (LG), Carol Homden (CH), Annie Crombie (AC), Steve Liddicott (SL), Richard Morris (RM), Marie-Louise Sauerberg (M-LS), Karen Studley (KS) (for Hilary Bull), Julie Wheeler (JW)

Apologies: Paul Angeli, Karen Gibbings, Miranda Mercado-Gregory, Steve Miley, Nasima Patel, Alison Twynam

Minutes

1 Previous Minutes (08.12.2016) and Actions

The minutes of the last meeting were approved, the following arose:

- Adoption Support Fund – HE spoke to John Simmonds who is happy to put together a guidance note for use by London boroughs on undertaking assessments.
- DfE – Nicola Doyle to attend the March LAB meeting re ASF
- Practice Improvement Fund - Information was circulated and an EOI has been submitted.
- Beyond the Par Event – Taking place today, feedback to be provided at the March meeting. Concern was expressed that the SW consortium (Richmond, Sutton, Merton, Kingston) had not supported the event (or the adoption attachment event on 8th February). HE to write to the SW Consortium to remind them about the events.
- SGO Placement Breakdown Survey – HE had a challenging conversation with John Simmonds and Lorna Rook with no resolution, to be re-visited.

LAB 169 HE to write to SW consortium regarding adoption events

2 Regionalisation Update

LG updated as follows:

- Grant funding agreement has now been received from the DfE for funding to the end of March.
- Challenge is that DfE have requested clarity of funding viability and service design/sign up by then.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Service design workshops will be arranged for February, members are asked to circulate the dates and encourage attendance. ➤ Output from the workshops will be brought to the March LAB meeting, the ADs meeting on the same date if possible, and the ALDCS meeting on 20th March. • Going forwards there will be increased engagement with DfE including monthly meetings with the project team. • It was suggested that costing averages could be based on research carried out by Julie Selwyn 2-3 years ago (just under £35k average per placement, excluding allowances). 	
3	<p>Role of LAB and ALB – communication and working together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ These were discussed, please see amended version attached for further comment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An additional bullet point was agreed around monitoring the number of SGOs as an option to achieve permanence and analysis of breakdowns / understanding the interface between SGOs and adoption. ▪ IL to write to Sheila Murphy in Bexley regarding the South East Consortium (now just Bexley). • What does London want from ALB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2-way communication and sight of draft ALB meeting agendas in advance to enable discussion at LAB meetings and LAB input/feedback (AC advised that this might not always be possible). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RAB teleconferences have now been set up and can be used for discussion around communication with ALB. ▪ AC advised that the draft agenda for the next ALB meeting includes data headline measures (adoption scorecard), longer term future of the ASF and learning from the RAA demonstration project work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was discussion around the scorecard (originally designed to create a focus on speed); original target dates have expired, query around whether to create new targets or do something different. No new proposal as yet. ○ Any comments on the future of the scorecard and the ASF to be sent to Ian in advance of the RAB teleconference on 18th January. ➤ 'Items for feedback to ALB' to be included as a regular item on future LAB agendas. 	<p>LAB 170 IL to write to Sheila Murphy regarding SE Consortium</p>
4	<p>ALB Data - headline report from 2016/17 Quarter 1 London data</p> <p>SL presented a headline report on 2016/17 quarter 1 data (see attached). It was agreed the following data sets would be discussed at the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAFCASS data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CAFCASS are developing a data tool for core outcomes across all LAs (would need sign up of all boroughs to 	<p>LAB 171 HE/RM to</p>

	<p>enable release of raw data). HE and RM to discuss.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data submitted quarterly to ALB for DfE (Q2). • CH to prepare 'real time' data of children on the national register managed by CoramBAAF. 	<i>discuss CAFCASS data tool</i>
5	<p>Activity Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGO Update – see item 1 above. • Beyond the Par event – taking place today, update to be provided at meeting in March. • PiF EOIs – 3 Coram-led PiF EOIs have now been submitted. 	
6	<p>Any other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
7	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <p>7th March 2017</p>	