

**London Adoption Board**  
**19<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 12.00 – 1.30pm**




Chair: Ian Lewis (IL)


Attendees: Hilary Bull (HB), Helen Edwards (HE), Carolyn Fair (CF), Jan Fishwick (JF), Karen Gibbings(KG), Carol Homden (CH), Richard Morris (RM), Julie Wheeler (JW)


Additional Attendees: Kara Renno (KR)

Apologies: Paul Angeli, Bryan Edmands, Lisa Garnett, Jeanne Kaniuk, Steve Miley, Marie-Louise Sauerberg, Alison Twynam

**Minutes**

1	<p><b>Previous Minutes (09.03.2017) and Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was one amendment to the minutes of the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 9 (any other business) - the contact at Coram regarding the EOI should be Kevin Yong, <a href="mailto:kevin.yong@coram.org.uk">kevin.yong@coram.org.uk</a> (amended version attached).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Subject to the above change, the minutes of the last meeting were approved and the action log was updated.</li> </ul>	 19042017 Paper 1) LAB Minutes 07.03.2   LAB Action Log 19.04.2017.docx
2	<p><b>Regionalisation Update</b> <b>Phase 3 – Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KR had updated the service design presentation following the previous meeting - see attached for the updated version.</li> <li>The next round of funding has now been agreed, and phase 3 plans are being worked on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A fixed term project team is being recruited.</li> <li>The team will be spending ½ day with every LA.</li> <li>Draft business case to be prepared by June, final business case to be brought to LAB, steering group and ALDCS for sign off in the Autumn.</li> </ul> </li> <li>HB expressed concerns from the East Consortium regarding the regionalisation plans, particularly around finance.</li> </ul>	 24.04.17 LAB feedback and review

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ It was agreed that the design of the model needs to be worked through and supported, and then invite comment.</li> <li>➤ Any concerns around engagement and involvement should be fed back to KR and the project team</li> </ul>	
3	<p><b>ALB data analysis 2016-17</b></p> <p>Paper was circulated – “Adoption Leadership Board – what does our data tell us about what is happening in the adoption system. The view of the Adoption Leadership Board”. It was agreed that due to the time lag in getting the ALB data, the Board would fund an analyst to look at LA and CAFCASS data to support our understanding on a consortium basis. The London adoption board would like a data analysis report to cover Q1 &amp; 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of the raw data so that the numbers are not rounded up or down</li> <li>• London region totals, then analysis by consortia</li> <li>• Comparisons to national averages</li> <li>• Statistical comparisons to 2015/16 and 2014/15 same quarters (with the plan for the same report being done to include Q3&amp;4 in mid-June)</li> <li>• The themes and emerging trends on child info - numbers of ADM decisions, conversions to placement orders</li> <li>• Conversion of placement orders to adoption orders</li> <li>• Waiting times from entering care to placement order, from entering care to placement, from placement order to placement</li> <li>• Analysis of any features of those children that wait longest - is this different parts of the region or by consortia</li> <li>• Number of ADM decisions which do not result in placement order</li> <li>• Number of rescinded placement orders</li> <li>• Number of disruptions - any themes?</li> <li>• Number of SG orders and characteristics of children</li> <li>• Adopter information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ numbers of EOI and conversion to approvals</li> <li>➤ waiting time from approval to placement</li> <li>➤ numbers of prospective adopters waiting and where by consortia</li> <li>➤ characteristics of adopters waiting</li> <li>➤ characteristics and timeliness of adopters who get children placed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>This will also enable target setting, and comparisons to be made with the Linkmaker and MatchMaker reports. HE to ask London Councils and CVAA if they have anyone who could undertake this on behalf of the Board (SL noted that this had been tried before, but there were difficulties with permissions regarding receiving LA data). CH suggested Kevin Yong, Coram Consultancy, might be able to undertake this. If anyone knows someone suitable, please let HE know.</p>	 <p>Adoption Leadership Board br</p> <p><i>LAB179 HE to speak to London Councils, Kevin Yong and CVAA about data analyst.</i></p>
4	<p><b>Adoption Support Fund Workshop – plans and update</b></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed date for a workshop is the afternoon of 25<sup>th</sup> May (not yet confirmed), for up to 30 participants (HE to circulate details once confirmed).</li> <li>The workshop will look at core offer, legal issues, what the ASF should be doing and what is currently happening in London. From that an analysis will be produced of why the picture is so varied across London and how to improve.</li> </ul>	
5	<b>ALB update and items to feedback</b> Annie Crombie was not present at the meeting.	
6	<b>LAB Budget</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The budget for 2017/17 was signed off.</li> <li>It was agreed that LAs would be asked for contributions for 2017/18. IL to ask for it to be added as an item to the agenda of the next AD's meeting.</li> </ul>	 London Adoption Board _Finance Trac
7	<b>Any other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KR advised that she would bring an update on service design to the next meeting.</li> </ul>	
8	<b>Date of next Meeting</b> Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2017	