

London Adoption Board
1st June 2017, 12 noon – 1.30pm

Attendees:	
Name	Agency
LAB Members	
Ian Lewis (IL) (Chair)	Croydon Council
Hilary Bull (HB)	London Borough of Tower Hamlets
Finola Culbert (FC)	London Borough of Islington
Bryan Edmands (BE)	Royal Borough of Greenwich
Helen Edwards (HE)	London Adoption Board Adviser
Carolyn Fair (CF)	London Borough of Ealing
Jan Fishwick (JF)	PACT
Clive Grimshaw (CG)	London Councils
Carol Homden (CH)	Coram
Steve Liddicott (SL)	London Borough of Hackney
Steve Miley (SM)	London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham
Alison Twynam (AT)	Achieving for Children
Julie Wheeler (JW) (Minutes)	Croydon Council

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Additional Attendees	
Jeanne Kaniuk (JK)	Coram
Mark Keeley (MK)	Achieving for Children
Kara Renno (KR)	North and East London Commissioning Support Unit
Peter Sandiford (PS)	PAC UK
Keitha Wakefield (KW)	East London Permanency and Adoption Consortium
Alex Wylde	CVA

Apologies for absence:
Paul Angeli (Merton Council), Annie Crombie (CVAA), Miranda Mercado-Gregory (Adopter), Richard Morris (CAFCASS), Marie Louise Sauerberg (Adopter), Alasdair Smith (Southwark)

Minutes	
1	<p>Previous Minutes (19.04.2017) and Actions</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. The following arose:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>LAB180 IL to</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Authority contributions to the London Adoption Board to the LAB is on the agenda for the next ADs meeting; IL will be on leave so will email Mike Benaim about re-arranging. 	<i>Speak to Mike Benaim</i>
2	<p>ALB Update and Items to Feedback (Alex Wylde)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AW advised that work is currently being done to understand if enough adopters are being recruited to meet demand. Details to be brought to the next meeting. Andrew Christie will be observing each regional adoption board meeting and is planning to come to the London Adoption Board meeting in December. AW to circulate the minutes of ALB meetings to LAB members. 	<i>LAB181 AW to circulate ALB meeting minutes</i>
3	<p>Regional Analysis of ALB Data (Alex Wylde)</p> <p>AW presented 'London Adoption Board data report' and asked for feedback about what is useful and what could be improved. The following suggestions arose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possibly focus on under 5s only. More context is needed - consider including data on the number (and age) of children looked after, the number of care proceedings, number of rescinds, the number of SGOs, the nature of children leaving care, children moving out of London mid- or post-proceedings and the number of children subject to repeat proceedings. An indication of the number of children adopted per 1000 population would give a comparator. Timeliness would need to be compared to another city with the complexity of London children to give a true picture. Adopter recruitment needs further consideration as it appears to be an emerging problem. <p>HE pointed out that this needs to be looked at in conjunction with the data that Richard Morris (CAFCASS) will be providing on the outcomes of proceedings, and she will liaise with AW re next stage.</p>	<i>LAB182 HE and AW to discuss next steps for regional data analysis</i>
4	<p>Regionalisation Update (service design) (Jeanne Kaniuk, Mark Keeley, Kara Renno, Peter Sandiford)</p> <p>KR presented 'London Regional Adoption Agency – Service Design Workstream' which looked at the LRAA functions in each practice area. KR confirmed that the hub and spoke model has been confirmed as the delivery model, but that the details haven't yet been finalised (ie how many spokes), and it was agreed that this will have to be looked at broadly to</p>	

	<p>ensure it is not restrictive.</p> <p>There wasn't time to discuss all slides, the following arose regarding the early permanence function:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child's journey will depend on close collaboration between the RAA and the LAs. • Family finding – It had not been agreed that this would be moving to the RAA. It was agreed that this would need to be taken back to the Project Group for further discussion. 	
5	<p>ASF Regional Dashboard – London – March 2017</p> <p>LAB and CoramBaaf ASF Workshop 07/06/2017</p> <p>These items were not discussed.</p>	
6	<p>Any other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
7	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <p>Monday, 17th July 2017, 12noon – 1.30pm</p>	