**SESLIP QUALITY ASSURANCE NETWORK 2ND JUNE 2020**

1. **Attendees via Microsoft Team:**

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| **First Name** | **Surname** | **Local Authority** | **Attending** |
| Kogie | Perumal | Bracknell Forest | yes |
| Tina | James | Brighton and Hove | yes |
| Julie | Davies | Bucks | Apols |
| Lou | Carter | East Sussex | yes |
| Amanda | Meadows | Hants | yes |
| Stuart | Ashley | Hants | Chair |
| Simon | Dear | IOW | yes |
| Kevin | Kasaven | Kent | yes |
| Becky | Cooper | Medway | Apologies |
| Phil | Roberts | Milton Keynes | yes |
| Tan | Lea | Oxfordshire | yes |
| Denise | Lingham | Portsmouth | yes |
| Andrea | Clare | Reading | no |
| Diane | Williamson | SESLIP consultant | Co-ordinator |
| Sandra | Davies | Slough | yes |
| Stuart | Webb | Southampton | yes |
| Gill | Halden | Surrey | yes |
| Nicola | Robertson | West Berks | yes |
| Sophie | Carter | West Sussex | yes |
| Shungu | Chigocha | Windsor and Maidenhead | apologies |
| Nick | Hammond | Wokingham | Yes |

1. Diane provided brief update about the website:

Contributions have been made from:

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| Brighton and Hove |
| Southampton |
| Windsor and Maidenhead |
| Surrey |
| Bracknell Forest |
| Buckinghamshire |
| Kent |
| Hampshire |
| Milton Keynes |
| Wokingham |

QAFs, audit tools and report templates have been shared:

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| Regular Case Audit Tools | 16 |
| Thematic Audit Tools | 12 |
| Quality Assurance Framework | 10 |
| Report templates | 3 |
| Other | 1 |
| Grand Total | 42 |

1. Diane outlined a potential opportunity to work with Social Finance to look at how data can be used to support QA activity, this will build on work undertaken with Bracknell Forest, West Berks, Southampton and Surrey. The intention is to explore this further with Tom Rintoul later in summer and perhaps share this with the Bracknell, Southampton and Reading Triad group and the West Berks, Bucks and Brighton Triad group. This combined group was scheduled to meet on 4th June but the meeting has been cancelled due to Diane no longer being available.
2. Local Authorities provided a brief update on how LA’s are approaching QA during COVID 19, activity to support operational teams, what’s going well and challenges and what LAs are looking for from the network. In the main the themes from the feedback were:

* Many LAs trying business as usual- all attending to visits and meeting in different was and making the most of technology
* Mixed response from LAs re the ability to encourage the most vulnerable into school. Some questions asked about how the more successful LAs were approaching this.
* CPP conferences are being well attended by parents, and in most cases have led to increased attendance by agencies. Some concerns for chairs regarding managing meetings where various different technology solutions are being used. At least one LA feedback that their chairs were eager to move back to meetings in person as they felt their inability to see facial expressions were hindering the effectiveness of the meeting. Also some mention made of parents ability to fully coproduce plans in this environment.
* Children and young people adapting well, and preferring the use of technology
* QA activity being undertaken. LAs reported some issues including reduction in audit activity due to sickness, and workload priority. Oxfordshire made a request to survey group regaining the resource need to undertake audit activity measured against the number of cases held by the LA. Group considered this a good idea so Tan Lea was asked to go ahead with this.
* Some LAs have developed Covid-19 specific scorecards
* Some LAs carried out audits of RAG rating of visits to ensure they had confidence that the judgements were accurate.
* In general there was a feeling that social workers and front line practitioners had risen to the occasion and were using a variety of methods to ensure that children were being kept safe
* Mixed views regarding an anticipated surge, some LAs felt that as contacts etc had remained at the same levels then pre lockdown that there would be no surge, others were expecting a surge in EH only, and others in all areas.
* A few LAs mentioned that observations were not taking place for obvious reasons and that this would be an area of focus on return to anything approaching normal
* At least one LA mentioned that technology had been an issue during the lockdown due to the introduction on a new system and lack of access to Skype and Teams
* Larger county LAs cited reduced travelling as a bonus, particularly for conference chairs and CIC SW

1. Diane was called away during the meeting and therefore ongoing support for the network was not confirmed