



Summary Minutes

Title of meeting:	DWP/ LA Welfare Steering Group
Date/timings:	7 August 2019 - 11:00 – 14:00
Location:	Room 7.15, Caxton House
Attendees:	<p>DWP: Clare Elliott (chair), Carolyn Pollard (Secretariat), Kay Bendell, Amanda Sowerby, Graham Roberts, Susan Johnson, Nic Vaughan</p> <p>LAs: Sam Ashton (LC), June Deans (Glasgow), Rose Doran (LGA), Lisa Hayward (WLGA), Andrew Cameron ((Leeds),</p> <p>Dial in: Matthew Evans (Wrexham), Joanne Hawkins (DWP), Pamela Richardson (Gateshead), Peter Meehan (COSLA), Linda Davies (WG), Howard Mason (Manchester), Simone Hines (IN&B), Jayne Henderson (Newcastle), Kyle Murray (SG)</p>
Apologies	Darren Baker (DWP), Ian Keating (LGA) Moira Smith (SG), Jennifer Wynter (Hackney), Adrian Mills (Ang Revs), Natalie Keogh (DWP), Sheila Haig (Edinburgh), Andrew Stevens (East Kent), Asha Vyas (Havering), Anil Gupta (COSLA), Ian Adams (Islington), Susan Donald (Aberdeenshire), Tim Savill (Bham), Rebecca Bowers (DWP), Sarah Price (Merthyr Tydfil), Helen Paine (Gateshead), Ian Brown (Wiltshire), Tim Savill (Bham)

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Clare Elliott opened the meeting. Introductions were made round the table and for those dialing in.

2. Matters Arising (Previous Minutes/Action Points, previous LAWSG Minutes)

The previous POG and LAWSG minutes were agreed and action points discussed.

3. LA Welfare Highlight Report

An update via the highlight report which consists of a one-page slide showing issues to be discussed, issues for closure and issues under investigation.

Future Engagement Events

The agenda for the planned Engagement Events was discussed.

The current plan is to hold a number of events across several locations in Autumn 2019.

Supported Accommodation update

A summary of some of the key issues with supported accommodation conveyed by LAs at the recent workshops:

4. Migration/Move to UC

The pilot in Harrogate was discussed

Conversations have been initiated with interested stakeholders in Harrogate.

5. Mixed age couples

It was confirmed the mixed age couples' policy has now been implemented.

Date, time and location of next LAWSG	The date of the next LA Welfare Steering Group is scheduled on 16 October 2019, 11.00 – 14:00.
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