



Department
for Education

Children with Complex Trauma Task and Finish Group

Notes of meeting on 16th January 2024

Held 10:00 – 11:00, virtually via MS Teams

Chair

Prathiba Chitsabesan: National Clinical Director for Children and Young People's Mental Health, NHS England

Sarah Jennings: Deputy Director, Looked After Children Division, Department for Education

Attendees

- Sarah Jennings – Department for Education
- Prathiba Chitsabesan – National Health Service England
- Department for Education Officials
- Department of Health and Social Care Officials
- Ministry of Justice Officials
- NHS England officials
- Children's Commissioner's Office
- ADCS Officers
- YCS Officials

Introductions

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and outlined the agenda for the meeting.

Reflections on Update Paper

The chair outlined the purpose of the update paper and the items we would like to discuss. The chair asked the group whether they had any suggestions for how we could disseminate the communications products to a wider audience. The Children's Commissioner's Office gave an update on the child's voice research and NHSE updated the group on early thinking about the testing better ways to support children with complex needs work.

Funding Paper Options: Decision Point

The chair outlined that the purpose of this item was to seek early agreement from the TFG on producing guidance for LAs/ICBs on pooling existing funding to develop provision. The aim was to provide suggestions and consistency and support commissioners and others to navigate the complex systems.

Task and Finish Group: Future Meetings

The chair updated the group on our plan going forward for these Task and Finish Group meetings. Initially TFG meetings were scheduled until March 2024 but the group agreed that meetings should continue. The chair also presented an update on the sequencing of the work for the next six months.