

## Note of Meeting

### 1 Welcome, introductions and matters arising

PLEASE NOTE formal minutes to the meeting were not available as dedicated Secretariat support for AESAC was still pending at the time of the meeting.

- 1.1 A full list of attendees is included in Appendix A.
- 1.2 Initial meeting of AESAC members since transition to permanent Committee.
- 1.3 The meeting began with Deputy Chief Scientific Adviser (DCSA) and Policy representatives introducing themselves and explaining the history and role of the group. They also introduced the commission that the group had been given.
- 1.4 The principal commission is as follows:
  - Produce a specification for Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons to assess imagery for maturity stages, as per recommendations set out in the AESAC report.
  - Policy Officers left the meeting after presenting the commissioning brief

### 2. Panel Introductions

- 2.1 Chair encouraged the members to introduce themselves and their area of expertise as this was the first opportunity provided for members to engage.
- 2.2 Discussion was initiated in relation to the commission above. This centred around the following issues:
  - A. whether there was the correct support in place for the group, as there currently is no secretariat support,
  - B. the skills mix in the group and whether it would be possible to give a complete response to the commission with the skills mix present
- 2.3 Finally, the discussion touched on the role of the AESAC group and its relationship with the previous Interim AESAC group. The importance of knowing and working from the report and recommendations of the previous report was discussed.

### 3. Outcomes

- 3.1 Chair agreed to contact officers/sponsors to request secretariat support
- 3.2 Chair to contact officers/sponsors with the following list of missing skillsets within the group – these were
  - A radiologist

- An expert in ethics/law around consent and capacity/competency to make decisions relating to health interventions
- A senior children's services professional with experience in the Merton compliant assessment process

Date for next meeting to be confirmed

End meeting

#### **ACTIONS**

- **CHAIR TO CHASE SPONSOR FOR SECRETARIAT SUPPORT**
- **CHAIR TO PROVIDE SPONSOR WITH LIST OF MISSING SKILL SET IDENTIFIED BY CURRENT AESAC MEMBERSHIP**

Appendix A

**AESAC**

Lucina Hackman (Chair)

Stuart Boyd,

Tabitha Randell,

Allison Ward

Sally Gallia

Denise Syndercombe-Court

**Home Office Present:**

Home Office Deputy Chief Scientific Advisor

Home Office Policy Team Representatives

Apologies: None