

Executive Team Meeting – via Teams

Thursday 28th April 2022

Attendees: John Scott, Graham Morgan, Karen Martin, Jill Stavert, Alison Rankin

Secretariat: Kirsty McGrath, Isla Jack, Fiona Scott (minutes), Morag Peberdy, Sandra McDonald, Shaben Begum

Apologies: Colin McKay, Simon Webster

1. Update on meeting with the Minister

2. Staffing update

3. Gantt chart/ project plan for final report

The ET were asked to share their thoughts on the project plan document that was circulated prior to the meeting and they confirmed that they are in agreement with the approach.

4. Travel and Accommodation for IAMHL in Lyon

The travel arrangements and practicalities for the conference were discussed. It was agreed that attendees would meet separately to discuss the details.

5. Paper on Individual Advocacy

The paper on Individual Advocacy was spoken to and the ET were asked for their initial comments. The discussion included:

- The relationship with collective advocacy. Elsewhere in the Review CA is about disabled people's organisations being run for and by disabled people.
- Once we know what the ET think of proposals on IA then work can continue with how it ties in with CA.

- With HRE and SDM can see a more structured and deeper approach to IA. There needs to be more funding for IA.
- We need to consider how to strengthen IA and make it available for more people whilst also making sure that they are safeguarded. This is why a code of practice was established in 2018.
- It will be helpful to come back to this with HRE and SDM and how to scrutinise non-instructed advocacy.
- SIAA have discussed this with MWC and more attention does need to be paid but can also be a barrier to non-instructed advocacy happening.
- Likes the paper and in agreement especially with the need for unpaid carer advocacy. This was campaigned for in the Carers Act but was taken out.
- From a tribunal point of view, training would give IA equal footing at hearings.
- The paper is liked particularly the inclusion of the need for CYP and carers IA along with the need to align legislation so everyone knows what's happening
- Have tried to include that SDM is a part of everyday life and shouldn't be seen as something that only a professional can do to us.

6. Named Persons paper

The Named Person's paper will be revised over the coming week and the next steps would be to draw up a list of people for targeted discussions. This can be collated with the Advanced Statements paper.

7. Any other business

- It was agreed that to discuss the interface of Collective Advocacy and Individual it would make sense to meet again with the group that informed the CA paper.
- Data Meeting – The agenda will be circulated and confirmed that the ET were happy with changes to the attendees representing different organisations.
- Forensic Paper – This paper will be reviewed over the coming week.

8. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed following the Secretariat meeting on Tuesday.