

## Association of Child Protection Professionals

### Child Sexual Abuse Special Interest Group (CSA SIG)

The purpose of this Special Interest Group is to provide an opportunity for child protection practitioners to share, learn about and discuss up-to-date practice-relevant research. In addition to provide good innovative practice and guidance in the area of child sexual abuse; to provide an opportunity for researchers and practitioners to disseminate their work to a practice audience. To build networks of shared interests and activity; and for practitioners to share and discuss current practice challenges and the ways in which researchers and other practitioners can help to address those challenges.

#### Terms of Reference

##### 1. Purpose

- To inform the Association and members of evidence, research, national trends, learning from practice developments, and the implementation and impact of new guidance regarding CSA.
- To develop links with Child Abuse Review, and to share research and practice learning resources
- To encourage the dissemination of information across groups of researchers, practitioners and practitioner researchers

##### 2. Responsibilities and remit of the group

- Group members to consider the impact of their learning and reflection in order to influence organisational and practice system change.
- Actively seek the voice and views of children, young people and adults with lived experience to inform debate and understanding.
- Group members to Influence organisational and practice system change, particularly with reference to using research to inform practice.
- Receive updates from group members in relation to CSA regarding:
  - Emerging learning themes
  - Identification of good practice
  - National and International Research
  - Opportunities to influence policy and practice
  - Supervision and support for members
- Link with other associated groups for example, Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse and the National Organisation for the Treatment of Abuse
- Generate inter-university networks for safeguarding research that is informed through the AoCPP

##### 3. Outputs of Group

- Review and debate practice, policy, research and areas of challenge in meeting the needs of agencies to influence change in the evolution of processes and good practice.

- Identify and enhance the existing pool of resources within the Association to inform improvements in practice.
- Provide contribution to AoCPP Newsletter / Journal.
- Identify and develop training resources for dissemination via AoCPP forums e.g. via AoCPP training events
- The Chair of the CSA SIG to provide updates to AoCPP Chair and contribute to the annual report regarding the work of the group and the development of priorities for future business plan.

#### 4. Frequency of meetings

- The group consists of AoCPP members meeting quarterly to debate, identify and develop learning and training opportunities.
- Extraordinary meetings can be called if required by the Chair of their own volition or at the request of any member of the group.
- Minutes and actions will be noted and circulated to all members of the group.

#### 5. Reporting arrangements

- The group will report to the Board of Trustees (BoT) providing relevant updates.

#### 6. Variation

- The Terms of Reference for the CSA SIG may be amended by the Group and be subject to approval of the AoCPP Chair.
- The Terms of Reference are to be reviewed annually every April.