

## **Association of Child Protection Professionals**

### **Special Interest Group for Children & Young People in Care and Care Experience (C&YPiC and CE)**

#### **Terms of Reference**

##### **1. Purpose**

- To inform the Association and members of research, national trends, learning from practice developments, the implementation and impact of new guidance for Looked after Children and Care Leavers. The terminology Looked After is the legal term used within the Children's Act referring to the care system. The voice of the children in care prefer to be known as children and young people in care and care experience having left the system.
- Collate shared learning from local rapid and national safeguarding practice reviews involving C&YPiC and CE and disseminate to support good practice.
- Ensure the work of the group contributes to achieving the strategic priorities of the Association of Child Protection Professionals Business Plan, influencing national and international policy.

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

2.1 To consider the impact of learning and reflection to influence organisational and practice system change, led by the membership.

2.2 To reflect and understand decision making regarding commissioning of provision for C&YPiC and CE across the system including independent and charitable organisations.

2.3 Actively seek the voice and views of care experience young people and adults to inform debate and understanding to influence organisational and practice system change.

2.4 To receive updates and suggestions for debate from members and likeminded people in relation to C&YPiC and CE to inform the diversity and richness of debate:

- Development of good practice
- Emerging learning themes
- Effectiveness of systemic practice
- National and International Research
- Reflect cross fertilisation learning with other SIG's within the association.

- Identify potential gaps within the care system to influence policy and practice change.
- Provide Supervision and Support for members within the association.

2.5 The SIG will link with other associated groups for example, NHSE/1 Looked After Children Clinical Reference Group, National Network of Designated Healthcare Professionals, The Association of Directors of Children Services, Coram BAAF, Barnardo's, AEGIS, SCIE, NSPCC, OFSTED and CQC, LGA, NICE, Youth Justice, The Care Leavers Association and Education, including children with disabilities in residential education settings and Pupil Referral Units, to inform learning and influence improvement in practice.

### **3. Outputs of Group**

3.1 Review and debate practice, policy, research and areas of challenge in meeting the needs of C&YPiC and CE to influence change in the evolution of processes and good practice.

3.2 Identify and enhance the existing pool of resources within the Association to inform improvements in practice.

3.3 Identify and develop resources for dissemination via AoCPP forums e.g. via AoCPP newsletter, training events and the CAR Journal

3.4 The Chair of the SIG C&YPiC and CE to provide updates to AoCPP Board of Trustees, regarding the progress of the group and the development for further SIG's.

### **4. Frequency of meetings**

4.1 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 his or her own volition or at the request of any member of the group.

The Sig meets virtually, recording of the debate will be noted and circulated to all members of the group and uploaded to the AoCPP website SIG's section for reference.

### **5. Reporting arrangements**

5.1 The group will report to the Board of Trustee's (BoT) providing relevant updates.

### **6. Variation**

6.1 The Terms of Reference for the C&YPiC and CE SIG are to be reviewed annually every April.