

This is the second key issue we'd like to discuss in the Directors' meeting please, to explore the issues above.

- Through casework, we were informed that EOTAS pupils do not have access to HWB. We have raised this with Kevin Palmer on 11th June, he advised that WG view is it's fine for EOTAS to have logins but it is down to LAs and it depends on how well the LAs have the 'ability to manage their database of EOTAS learners'. We will push the relevant LA on this, as there is no reason why the young person shouldn't have a login in our view. Included here for information/accountability; no further action required by WG at present.

Childcare

- Parent seeking advice as her childminder is still charging full amount despite being closed due to the lockdown. We've have had a few of these cases during the lockdown period; we've signposted to WG guidance but shared here to show this is still an issue being raised.
- We've also been contacted regarding the Deputy Minister's statement issued last week; Sally has since discussed with the DM on the 11th and she agreed that the FAQs need to be updated. Karen Cornish confirmed to Sally on the 12th that this message had been passed on to the relevant team as an action. Concerns arising from families included:
 - Not being able to make applications now ahead of September or whenever provision reopens – impact on parents' work plans;
 - Confusion in general over the statement and its implications for families; and
 - Payment of childcare offer not remaining in place as a result of this statement.

(Action required here is update to FAQs – we are not requesting responses to these specific questions.)

Children's Rights Impact Assessments (CRIA)

- My team has spent a lot of time in recent weeks reviewing draft CRIA and IIA documents; many of which have followed decisions already taken and announced. I have discussed this and agreed a suggested way forward with Karen Cornish as Deputy Director responsible for CRIA and children's rights, so this point is included *for information only*.

Other

- We continue to receive cases asking about travel to facilitate family contact between parents where one lives in England and one lives in Wales. This is roughly one case every day on average at present. We've had confirmation of the official advice from WG, that the Regulations include an exemption for facilitating family contact, but raise it again here to highlight that public messaging is unclear on this. People are, in