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Notes	<p>Yvette – update from today's sit rep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance of vulnerable children 72,000 attended 14% - highest yet - will check if sustained</li> <li>• EY 11% of children are attending up by 1000 on last week</li> <li>• SIN - 2 notifications - mum history of MH needs child under 1 died - cause not yet known. 17 year old suicide, seen by MH two days before he died - they did not pick up any major concern</li> <li>• PPE Guidance for CH - still stuck - further delay will be grind to the mill of the sector that schools have been prioritised.</li> </ul> <p>Action: <b>NR</b> to circulate sitrep notes - done</p> <p>In-year-awards – Action: <b>NR</b> to follow-up with Lisa/Sue.</p> <p>Regulatory Assurance panels – <b>NR</b> to cover to free Yvette/Lisa. <b>NR</b> to action - Done.</p> <p><b>NR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SC conference on 22/23 October re the procurement of guest speakers if we have to cancel the conference again – we have already paid 47k for the venue from March 2020 and not sure if we will have to move again. Suggestion to offer a virtual conference/to the speakers so we don't lose the commission. Action: <b>NR</b> Helen to check if speakers would be willing to do a virtual conference. This could also be a proposal for the legal training for RIMs.</li> <li>• Civil Service Survey – encourage staff to complete. Action: <b>NR</b> to add to tomorrow's cascade.</li> <li>• Registration data – the team are looking at the number of registrations coming in/how many are Covid related – once have all information will provide update for HMCI.</li> <li>• Yvette meeting with Minister on Friday – Shaun Common will provide briefing.</li> </ul> <p><b>NR</b> update from ADCS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting focussed on schools not wanting to go back early. <b>NR</b> felt discussion was a closed book.</li> <li>• ILACs headline – LAs would like larger team on site for less day, to look at 3 or 4 day event/assurance visits. If we get through quite a few places we may be able to present an overview report of assurance visits/outcomes for children etc. Lisa will also feed this information in the meeting she has scheduled with Chris Jones/Daniel and colleagues.</li> </ul> <p>Yvette EB - SC slides went down well at EB, several RDs likes our approach and are confident that we have this in hand. ADCS also welcomed our approach.</p> <p>Bradley provided an update – we may need to review our capacity of regulatory staff and get them back.</p> <p>Lisa has met with a number of inspectorates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CQC not planning to return to BAU as maybe a second wave in Nov/Dec.</li> <li>• Newham – working with Paul – CQC looking to do a joint commentary – Action: Lisa to follow-up with Paul</li> <li>• HMIC are developing questions similar to ours – should we be undertaking multi-agency safeguards?</li> <li>• Slides on ILACs/SCCIF to go to tomorrow's SHMI KIT. Lisa to action.</li> <li>• Yvette to advise on cover for next week's leave.</li> </ul> <p><b>NR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workforce panel – shared information re foster carers.</li> <li>• ARC <b>NR</b> will collate names and speak to Emma Exton. Claire Binks is the lead on this work. <b>NR</b> will also provide an update to Caroline Hamill.</li> <li>• <b>NR</b> to raise the issue re PPE for children's homes at tomorrow's EP meeting. <b>NR</b> to action.</li> </ul>
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Notes	<p>Yvette's update from sitrep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DfE are thinking of doing a significant overhaul of their delivery plan.</li> <li>• SEN Review - appetite to move things on significantly.</li> <li>• PQs - none today!</li> <li>• SoS mtg PM tomorrow - one of the work strands for discussion is supporting vulnerable children.</li> <li>• ESC next week - will focus on FE and HE.</li> <li>• Publications - several coming out today and tomorrow.</li> <li>• Half term line "We trust schools to make arrangements with their local communities" - still on-going wrangling with the Treasury re Free School meals in the holiday.</li> <li>• Safeguarding - 100+ applications to the Adoption Support Fund.</li> <li>• Volunteers - more discussion re using the 600k NHS volunteers (DfE are under pressure to utilise despite no knowledge re their skills or suitability).</li> <li>• 148/151 LAs returned data survey.</li> <li>• Attendance still at 73,000 (14%) note Friday is often lower.</li> <li>• Schools Discipline Regs being reviewed - discussion on appropriateness of exclusions following period of substantial disruption.</li> <li>• Safeguarding Incidents - another under 1 murdered by one or both parents.</li> </ul> <p>SINs - [NR] and Wendy are undertaking a piece of work but may need to review cases pre-Covid.</p> <p>PPE decision on PPE is stuck as schools want PPE for teachers, however not enough for NHS and care providers for teachers.</p> <p>Confidentiality agreement - Lisa has asked Andrew to look if we have sought/need legal advice.</p> <p>Lisa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bradley was very helpful at programme board re social distancing on inspection.</li> <li>• Annual report meeting was really helpful and feel confident in Emily leading on the work which is more structured and sensible.</li> <li>• Andrew drafting tomorrow's provider update - to note receipt of first priority registration.</li> </ul> <p>[NR] Update has gone out with a few questions from providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambian press enquiry - Emma has drafted a response using Michelle Edge and Mark Broomhead's briefing from [NR] meeting.</li> <li>• ASA - Adoption UK (SE) fee level - registration received with lower fee level instead of higher fee level - Rosy Dancer to progress application with a view to deal with fee after registration.</li> </ul> <p>[NR]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RA Panel - three cases agreed, thresholds very clear and consistent across regions. Andrew has refused an onsite visit as the risk hadn't gone up (we will get professional challenge) Yvette suggested we need to dip sample.</li> </ul> <p>Yvette thought EY activity had decreased, however, [NR] and Lisa felt SC is going up. Will be useful to see stats: Action: to agenda for discussion at this meeting.</p> <p>[NR]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with Pauline Burke to discuss Birmingham, will take issues back to her line manager, Alan MacDonald to raise issue/speak to Birmingham so they are sighted on it. Action: [NR] to go back to say as a result we now don't need to meet with them.</li> <li>• Workforce panel - action ARC request.</li> <li>• Slough - re request of additional help, we already have Steph and Donna seconded with them and are unable to offer a suitable person. Action: [NR] to respond via panel to that effect.</li> <li>• Policy - [NR] to advise Lisa of names.</li> <li>• North Somerset - report at panel last week. Complaint has been received today. Met with Bradley, Diane Partridge, LI and Jansy Kelly, QAM to discuss. Decision to deal with through FAC as LI/QAM agree evidence stacks up to judgement. If this is not satisfactory will look at an EBR. Bradley has responded to them. [NR] to forward email to Yvette.</li> <li>• No agenda items noted for tomorrow's EP meeting.</li> </ul>
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Notes	<p><u>SHMI meeting this evening</u></p> <p>Tracey is leading.</p> <p><u>Operating plan update</u></p> <p>[NR] has it, very similar to previous iteration. [NR] to send through to Yvette for review. Need to also consider EY and the deadlines - [NR] to review with Aftab. He is also talking to [NR] next week.</p> <p><u>Moving from NOO to MORE</u></p> <p>EY is already MORE. SC is moving there from 27 May and shutting off NOO. Fast track applications can be accommodated? Application process requires on-line completion and if the user doesn't complete all fields it can't be submitted - now fixed.</p> <p><u>Applications - 22 in last week</u></p> <p>All gone into NOO and will be dealt with in the same way as if in MORE. Seamless transition. Need to manage who is available to do this.</p> <p>ARC have had a list of colleagues who are still available. About 25 RIs which we'd agree to leave for BAU, RDs have reviewed and two regions have more. [NR] will take up with them what they need and to be clear they're aware of applications.</p> <p><u>Redeployment</u></p> <p>Moving into a different phase now. Number of people who are not matched is much less.</p> <p><u>Sit-Rep</u></p> <p>[NR] will write up. 3 more SINs overnight, all babies. One is potentially linked to CV. Hidden Harm summit seems to have gone quite positively. Monitoring the use of flexibilities and how LAs are doing this - gathering information and may be more detailed questions for REACT.</p> <p><u>North Somerset</u></p> <p>Timeline looking likely to be publication 10 June, going to LA 5 June. FAC in meantime. Bradley aware.</p> <p><u>HMCI/ND/DD next week</u></p> <p>Lisa to give update from partner inspectorates</p> <p>[NR] to cover pressures on secure estate and on-going conversations, HMIP interest in STCs</p> <p>Transition back - feedback from sector (ADCS)</p> <p>Any of her reflections from IICSA to help inform response to future inquiries</p> <p>Four slides - can be one succinct slide</p> <p>Bradley is already advising on RAP</p> <p><u>Pressure on DfE around relaxing regulations</u></p> <p>Minister has said there will be an assurance/review to see what's required. Conversation with ADCS and data set questions not helpful, don't want RSCs contacting them about sc. Y suggested DfE commissioned us to do some work, almost a research piece which we could take back to Minister. Received well by ADCS. Could do a sample and take a selection across the grades, maybe 5 of each, and see that they're doing. Minister may expect us to make contact with every LA: capacity issues. Want to discuss this with us next week for a piece of work the following week, date for relaxations to be reviewed/caused is September. Can't be too close to government or sector, would need to be a themed report. Discrete recommendations or an overview of what we've found for them to draw their own conclusions. SpAds might be able to help coordinate their areas, maybe [NR] could structure. Make tomorrow's meeting an hour and invite [NR].</p> <p><u>SHMI meeting</u></p> <p>Positive, many thoughts and questions but very well-received. Yvette sat in on EY, virtual tour of a setting but fit person interviews are by phone. Yvette challenged them on this practice.</p>
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