**Common approach to updating RIIA MoUs**

Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) between the nine regional ADCS groups and the Department for Education have been in place for several years. Each one differs in both length and scope, some appear to be regularly reviewed, others have not been. There are differing approaches to signatories as well.

The updating of the core RIIA dataset necessitates a review of MoUs; data sharing is mentioned in some, but not all, existing MoUs. The main purpose of this piece of work is to come up with some template text on the sharing of these data between regions, with the Department and other government sources.

This text is put forward as a suggestion, regional groups are free to use it as is or to amend it as required e.g. to take into account trust or ADM arrangements and well as combined authorities.

**Suggested text for inclusion in MoUs (draft 1 for feedback)**

Individual authorities and regions should use the standard CSV templates in sharing these data to allow for easier collation and analysis and observe the guidance that sits alongside the new dataset, accepting that there are some understandable variations in the local arrangement of services and therefore recording and reporting. Submission of data should be timely and in line with guidance (timings to be agreed).

The Department for Education will share insights from these quarterly data with relevant policy teams to inform their work. The Department’s CSC regional improvement team will act as the internal point of contact for any queries raised by policy teams. Ministers may also wish to see these data to get a sense of the overall pressures in and health of the system. By agreement, the Department may seek to share the insights from quarterly RIIA data more broadly across government departments. Good notice of these requests is required to allow regional groups the opportunity to fully consider and respond.

Other possible recipients for inclusion:

* Cross-regional sharing of RIIA data, facilitated by the Data to Insight Project, seems desirable to allow smarter use of these insights e.g. via comparisons with statistical neighbours rather than just neighbouring LAs.
* ADCS central has not previously received these data, however, it might be useful for future proofing purposes to include a line in there about sharing by agreement to reduce burdens on our members, particularly in relation to the bi-annual Safeguarding Pressures data collection.  To note, it’s the aggregate national picture that’s of interest here and overall trends rather than individual LA performance or metrics.
* Some MoUs explicitly refer to the LGA and sharing information with them, others do not.  Where there is a reference to the LGA, this is generally via the regional improvement lead.  Helpful to unify or clarify?
* LA CEXs aren’t featured strongly in existing MoUs, and Solace is infrequently mentioned.

Finally, it seems helpful to attach the final dataset to the MoU, as an annex for clarity, a number of existing MoUs already do this.