

South-East Sector-led Improvement Partnership South-East Children Missing Education Group Meeting Notes

9th May 2023, 2pm to 4pm

Present: Mike Stoneman (Portsmouth), Rosie Gossage and Clare Raffaelli (RBWM), Katy Daly (Bracknell), Gavin Thomas (B&H), Jon Willcocks (Hants), James Fowler (Bucks), Bryn Roberts (Southampton), Vidyu Narayan (E Sussex), Anjli Sidhu (Slough), Cathy Edwards & Simon Smith (Kent), Fiona Hostler (Reading), Ian Fraser (M Keynes), Joanna Goodey (Oxfordshire), Chris Owen.

Apologies: Neil Stevenson (Portsmouth), Sal Looker (Wokingham), Kim James (Oxfordshire), Shirley Moneanu (Reading),

	Item	Action
1. Notes of March meeting and matters arising		
•	Notes approved as accurate.	
•	SESLIP data dashboard contacts: Chris thanked those who responded. SESLIP	
	Dashboard. Agreed that we should move to using DfE termly EHE and CME	
	returns. Chris to discuss with Education Data Group colleagues about making the	со
	change.	
•	Feedback to passed to AD group, but yet to brief Deb Austin as our sponsor DCS	СО
	about the themes.	
2. Me	ediation services with parents (EHE)	
•	Example of practice shared by Oxfordshire. Local agreement that schools 'c' code for two weeks once request to deregister pupil is received. LA does its best to engage with family during this 'cooling off period' with aim to ensure decision fully understood and attempt re-engagement if possible (using restorative approaches). Visit / meeting offered to 100%. LA also has a nominated SEN officer who acts as liaison in the event of pupil with EHCP requested to be de-registered. Information-sharing with NHS was a discussion. Some differences, but some use that immunisation is a statutory public health duty to justify. Approaches to liaison with GPs were shared. Managing safeguarding is biggest source of concern expressed across the group. Making safeguarding a 'golden thread' through CME processes was seen as ideal. Update: although informal contact with DfE had suggested that compulsory CME registration would be attempted by the DfE. Although, civil servants indicate this is being pursued, it is anticipated it would take over 2 years before implementation.	
3. Ex	Sharing the experience and process from Brighton & Hove (SEND) and from Bracknell (AP). Gavin and Katy were thanked for their contributions. SEND: AP and CME themes featured significantly across the interviews, including EOTAS, part-time timetables, fair access, attendance, NEET, and attendance at AP (including unregistered AP). Also CME is key data in the new Annex A required by Ofsted / CQC at the start of the inspection (on all with an EHCP or at SEN support). Both inspection and visit confirmed the heavy focus on individual cases. For SEND, in addition to a handful of 'deep dive' cases, inspectors also came to certain interviews with the names of certain individuals and asked officers what they knew about each young person including looking up on data bases. The thematic visit included a strong multi-agency / team-around-the-child approach to reviewing CYP in AP now or in the previous 6 months. There was some	

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 expectation that the LA has a comprehensive overview of which children in AP are where and progress they are making. Plus what is know about the placement provider (QA processes). Fiona shared the link to the latest guide for collection of AP census. CO to circulate. 	СО	
4. AOB		
 Reading BC is expecting a JTAI with an anticipated focus on exploitation and safeguarding of unplaced pupils and those at risk in AP and who are EHE. Fiona agreed to feedback following the inspection with any implications for CME officers. James made a request for an update of the 'comparative levels of staffing across CME' that was completed in 2022. In particular as a support for LAs trying to make the case for additional staffing capacity in response to recent attendance guidance. Chris, with a steer from James, will circulate to the group. The aim is to compile in time for discussion at the June meeting. Rosie asked about how colleagues are finding demand for referral to fair access. Are numbers going up / down / the same? Chris will add this question to the request for CME staff information. Does anyone have a copy of stakeholder questions used by Ofsted for SEND inspection or AP review? Please send to Chris. 	FH CO CO	
Future meetings:		
27 th June 10am: better understanding of CME / reduced timetable expectations in ILACS (Portsmouth & BHCC); also discuss staffing levels and fair access referrals (based on requested data return). Sept 21 st 10am: developments to work with schools with those severely absent (Hants) & case examples of commissioning and monitoring AP (CO to link with 3 or 4 member LAs). Nov 9 th 10am, Jan 16 th 10am, March 5 th 2pm.		