# NICE/SCIE GUIDANCE

**LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**9th and 10th meeting of the Programme Development Group**

**Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th October 2009**

**NICE Offices, London**

| Attendees: | **Programme Development Group (PDG) Members:** Dennis Simpson, Sue Wressell, Janet Rich, Sophie Boswell (8th), Helen Mason (8th), Carol Green (8th), Helen Chambers, Caroline Cuckston, Jade Blake, Gina Gardiner, Geoffrey Skinner, Sarah Byford, Douglas Simkiss, Delma Hughes, Kim Golding, Colin Thompson, Valerie King, Rhian Stone, Susan Lane, Jayne Ludlam, Sue Revell, Mandy de Waal, Kim Bown, Paula Conway.  
**Cooptees:** Claudia Philips.  
**Expert witnesses:** Pat Petrie (7th), John Simmonds (7th), Florence Merredew (7th), Julie Selwyn (7th).  
**SCIE:** Mary Sainsbury, Sheila Fish (7th), Carol Riddington (8th) Amanda Edwards (8th).  
**NICE:** Simon Ellis, Sarah Dunsdon, Alastair Fischer, Peter Shearn, Linda Sheppard, Amanda Killoran (7th). |
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PDG 9 – Wednesday 7th October

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| **1. Welcome, Introductions and focus of the Meeting** | The Chair welcomed the group to the 9th and 10th PDG meeting and outlined the objectives of the day:  
• To hear presentations from expert witnesses related to ‘black and minority ethnic children’, ‘unaccompanied asylum seeking children’, ‘kinship care’ and ‘social pedagogy’  
• To consider some proposals for organising and revising the draft recommendations  
• To work in small groups on the recommendations over the course of the two days  
• To consider some worked examples of the approach to health economics that was agreed at the last meeting |
| **2. Declarations of interests** | The following interests have been declared for the programme:  
**Personal pecuniary interest**  
Susan Lane  
Kim Golding  
Paula Conway  

**Personal family interest**  
None  

**Non-personal pecuniary interest**  
Harriet Ward*  
Paula Conway  
Mary Sainsbury  
Colin Thompson  

**Personal non-pecuniary interest**  
Sarah Byford  
Kim Golding  
Paula Conway  
Janet Rich  

*did not attend this meeting  
No new declarations of interest were made. |
| **3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising** | The minutes were agreed.  
Matters arising:  
• All action points were completed or have been scheduled for discussion at the meeting. |
| **4. Pathways to permanence for minority ethnic children** | Julie Selwyn gave a presentation on the pathways to permanence for minority ethnic children. |
### 5. Unaccompanied asylum seeking children

John Simmonds and Florence Merredew gave a presentation on the health of unaccompanied asylum seeking children and young people who are looked after.

### 6. Questions and discussion

The PDG discussed the following:
- Additional support for foster carers of BME and asylum seeking children
- Decisions about placements in relation to race, ethnicity, culture, faith
- Issues around placement and importance of stability and security
- Training of health professionals in relation to culture and ethnicity
- Recording data about ethnicity and culture
- Identity issues
- Appropriate placements for asylum seekers
- Screening, immunisation and other health issues for asylum seekers

### 7. Kinship care

Julie Selwyn gave a presentation on kinship care.

### 8. Questions and discussion

The PDG discussed the following:
- Outcomes for kinship care
- Lack of research into children’s perceptions
- Need for a child focused explicit analysis of their need
- Ability of children and young people to signal distress
- Timing of assessments
- Supporting evidence and areas of research

### 9. Social pedagogy in children’s residential care

Pat Paetrie gave a presentation on social pedagogy in children’s residential care.

### 10. Questions and discussion

The PDG made comments around:
- British culture and whether it can support the social pedagogy model
- Timing of the pilot and its evaluation
- Level of education among care workers in the UK
- Costs
- Evidence base and value system for social pedagogy

### 11. Organising and revising the recommendations – proposals from the sub-group

The Chair reported back on the work of the PDG sub-group to revise the draft recommendations.

The sub-group members summarised the over-arching themes to emerge from the recommendations and noted areas where the recommendations could be strengthened further.
It was agreed that the Chair would meet with a sub-group to discuss the training recommendations.

**Action point:** Chair to meet with the sub-group to discuss the training recommendations.

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<th>12. Re-examining the evidence from the Qualitative review, Practice survey and Expert papers</th>
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<th>13. Identifying new recommendations/actions from the Qualitative review, Practice survey and Expert papers</th>
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<td>The PDG worked in small groups to consider whether any new recommendations and actions could be made from the evidence.</td>
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### PDG 10 – Thursday 8th October 2009

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<th>3. Discussion and drafting of recommendations</th>
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**Action point:** Dennis to draft a quality of care index

**Action point:** NICE to circulate the recommendations from the small groups and the revised recommendations produced by the whole group.

It was also agreed that the next meeting will take place over two days (4th and 5th November 2009).

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<th>4. Discussion and consensus about the proposals from the sub-group</th>
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**Action point:** NICE to circulate the document from the sub-group for PDG members to comment.

**Action point:** The Chair and NICE/SCIE to approach PDG members between now and the next meeting to work on revising groupings of recommendations.
**5. Developing recommendations from the expert evidence on minority ethnic children, asylum seeking children, kinship care and social pedagogy**

The group discussed the expert evidence on minority ethnic children, asylum seeking children, kinship care and social pedagogy.

**Social pedagogy**

The PDG discussed:
- Value base and the UK system
- Evidence base
- Understanding the cost benefits
- Applying principles to training

**Minority ethnic children**

The PDG discussed:
- Support based on local needs
- Factors for placements
- Foster carer support and training
- Processes for LAC to explore culture

**Action point** – Mandy de Waal, Jayne Ludlum and Claudia Philips to identify headline issues to inform the recommendations.

**Kinship care**

The PDG discussed:
- Placements and regulation
- Emotional and financial inequalities

**Action point** – Dennis Simpson and Sue Lane to draft recommendations and considerations on kinship care.

### 7. AOB

No additional items

**Date of next meeting** : Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November 2009