



# Principal Child and Family Social Worker Network

**National Event**

**30 April 2024**

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Huge welcome to you all...



# Building on our collaborative and inclusive focus and actions in 2024 and beyond





# Outline for today

Time	Session
10:00-10:30	Welcome and introductions
10:30-11:15	Fatima Whitbread MBE
11:15-11:30	BREAK
11:30-12:30	Isabelle Trowler CBE, Chief Social Worker, Department for Education
12:30-13:15	LUNCH
13:15-14:15	Angela Frazer-Wickes, Family Rights Group
14:15-14:30	BREAK
14:30-15:30	Clare Seth / Ann Horne, Coram BAAF
15:30-16:00	Chairs closing

# PCFSW workplan on a page - update

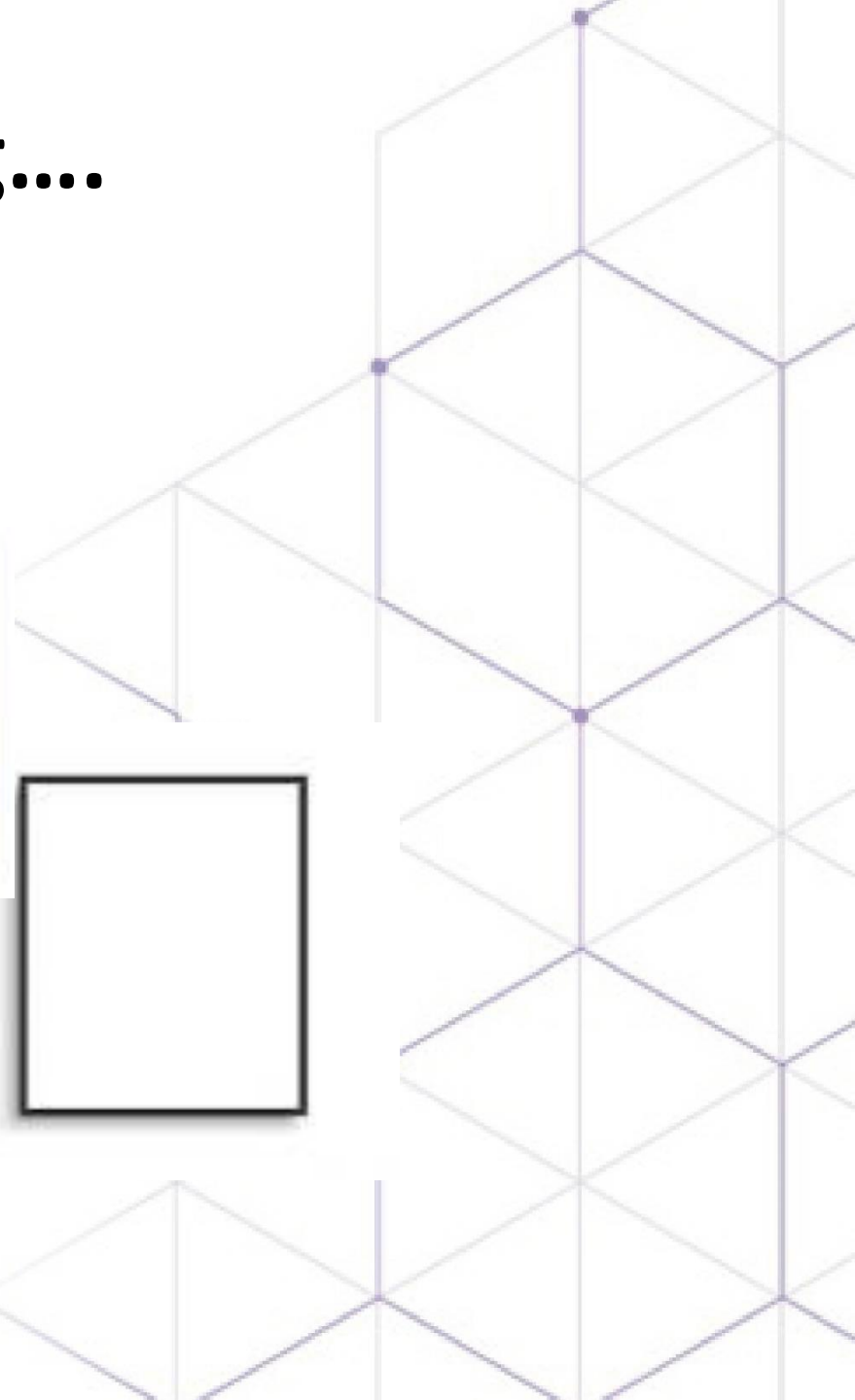
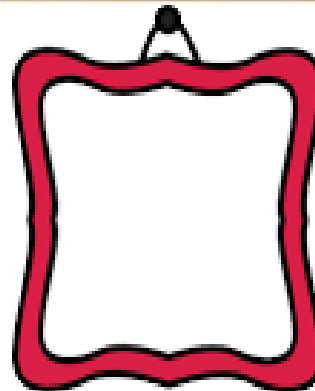
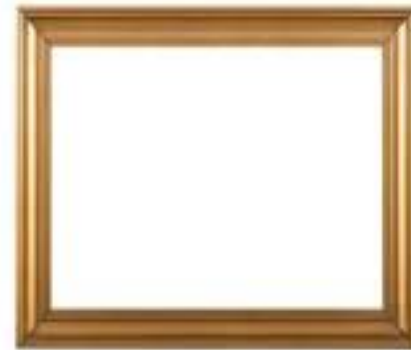
<p><b>Collaborative and visible leadership</b></p>	<p><b>Working philosophy</b> <b>Prioritisation of working with the Regions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National events - involvement of regional chairs</li> <li>• Meetings with the DfE/Chief SW/Adult network</li> <li>• Development of the weekly newsletters including contributions</li> <li>• Identifying impact measures ? Core purpose of the PCFSW role</li> <li>• Succession planning – increasing the focus/who takes over ??</li> </ul>
<p><b>Care Review and Reforms</b></p>	<p><b>Mobilising network responses post the consultation...</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributing to ECF</li> <li>• Next steps Agency Consultation</li> <li>• Reading guide National Practice guide</li> <li>• Electronic Social Care records</li> </ul>
<p><b>Anti-racist practice</b></p>	<p><b>To promote ARP within the PCFSW and for PCFSW's to lead and promote in practice</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-Chair presence and leadership within the Anti-racist working group..ONGOING</li> <li>• Integral priority at National events-ONGOING</li> <li>• Develop and articulate models for ARP...NEXT STEPS ?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Poverty</b></p>	<p><b>To promote anti-poverty approaches</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement at Network events</li> </ul>
<p><b>Workforce</b></p>	<p><b>Active focus regionally and nationally</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWE roundtable..ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS</li> <li>• Ongoing collaboration with SWE and BASW..</li> <li>• WSWD engagement/ Social Work Week</li> <li>• Presence at the ADCS workforce committee...NOW CORE MEMBERS</li> </ul>

## Engaging with the Network...

- Reached out to individual PCFSW's who engaged less in 2023
- A range of challenges identified impacting on some PCFSW's to participate
- How can the Regions support engagement in 2024
- What additional steps do we need to take?



# Succession Planning....



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- *The work begins in earnest now*
- *Strongly advocating for a continued co-chair team approach*
- *Reviewing and updating the TOR to reflect this...a handover process rather than event*
- *Opportunities for “Co-Chairs in waiting” to become involved now*
- *Should the PCFSW network adopt an approach that is congruent with adult PSW colleagues with a staggered handover of one member of the Team staying in role*
- *Priority is to maintain momentum*



## 2024 and beyond....

- *The necessity for our collective involvement deepens into 2024...how do we cultivate the voices of those less involved?*
- *Responding to the overtures the National Practice Framework, Early Career Framework, the New Working Together and other initiatives pertaining to support and stabilising the social work workforce.*
- *Continuing to place challenge in how our involvement is having **impact***
- *Much more sustained work to do in relation to Anti-Racist Practice as well as tangibly evidencing our impact of this vital work*
- *Managing a smooth and dynamic handover to the new chair team whilst maintaining momentum*

Take a moment  
to pause  
and reflect







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