

# Experts by experience group: terms of reference

## Background

On 15 January 2021 the government launched the independent review of children's social care. This review will be independently led and offer a once in a generation opportunity to tackle the issues which affect children, young people and families with lived experience of children's social care.

The terms of reference for the review are available on GOV.UK.

## Aims and objectives

The Experts by experience group is one of the ways we'll be giving anyone who has had a social worker (either themselves or a child in their care) a voice in our review. The group will be responsible for:

1. Helping the review to capture the views, experiences and opinions of care experienced children, young people, adults and families.
2. Allowing us to test and refine emerging findings with children, young people, adults and families throughout the review.
3. Guiding the review on how best to engage and hear the voices of other children, young people and families that have experience of the care system.

In order to achieve those three objectives, members of the group may be asked to attend meetings, focus groups and visits, and directly contribute to the review's recommendations.

## Membership

Membership will be confirmed and published following a recruitment process, which will run throughout January and February 2021.

## Governance

The group will be chaired by one of its members and confirmed following the conclusion of the Experts by Experience Group recruitment process. The secretariat will be provided by the care review team and / or a specialist third party with skills in facilitating similar groups.

## Frequency

The Experts by experience group will meet virtually, approximately once every two months. The frequency and date of meetings will be determined by the independent reviewer (Josh MacAlister) and the chair of the group. In between meetings we expect members may be asked to meet in smaller groups or attend events and workshops.