**Notes from the ASYE Best Practice Forum – 30.9.20**

This Best Practice Forum (BPF) was attended by 60 people. See attendance sheet below.



Because of COVID-19, this forum was run as a webinar for a shorter time from 10:30-12:00. Because the majority of time in the forum was in breakout rooms this meeting wasn’t recorded.

1. **Updates from Skills for Care** (see detail in slides below)



1. **Break out group discussions 1**.

The discussions covered two aspects of the way in which organisations were supporting new NQSWs:

1. The support and guidance required / being offered during the transition from university to employment for those commencing ASYE, having completed the final year placement during Covid.
2. How you are supporting current NQSWs to utilise and develop their relationship building and communication skills with service users while much of interaction is being done virtually

A summary of points raised in the groups is below – key points from each group were fed back to the main group



1. **Break out group discussions 2**.

The discussions focused on what is working best for your organisation in terms of ASYE during C19 restrictions

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1. **Social work apprenticeships**

Many LAs now have people undertaking the social work apprenticeship and there was some sharing of how things were going.

See information shared via the meeting chat:



1. **Notices**

Carol Stewart talked about the Return to Social work programme and requested opportunities for supervised practice placements. If anyone is able to help please email her on carol@chinaraenterprises.com Or returntosocialwork@local.gov.uk

Carol reassured everyone that candidates are DBS checked

1. **Future meetings**

The consensus was that Zoom worked well and people liked being able to spend some time in breakout rooms. Many would also like some presentations in addition to discussions.

Most felt the next meeting should be early February. A date will be confirmed in the social work briefing.

Topics requested included:

* Update on / feedback from QA visits to LAs and expectations around standards and quality assurance in the C19 context
* Presentation from Moderation Panel members
* Moderation processes, would like to know how other LAs carry this out
* Findings from the meetings with the NQSWs

If you did not receive an invitation to join the BPF or you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Londonsocialwork@skillsforcare.org.uk