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Strategic Innovation Task Group Minutes
Tuesday 26 January 2016
21 Bloomsbury Street, Boardroom C

Item	Key Issues Raised	Actions
1. Introduction and Apologies	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies.	
2. Draft Minutes of 15 September 2015 meeting	The group reviewed the minutes of the 15 September 2015 meeting.	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.
3. Revised Terms of Reference	<p>The group reviewed the Terms of Reference (TOR), which has been revised after the September 2015 meeting. The TOR will be reviewed annually.</p> <p>It was noted that the group will be championing innovation, including policy innovation and the group will consider this in its work.</p>	The TOR were agreed.
4. Overview of Innovation Developments	<p>The paper outlined three proposed high impact innovations: cash limited budgeting within the framework of a managed family justice system; an out of court pathway for private law applications and a more focussed children's guardian service, which can work effectively without lawyers for children also involved. These are strong local innovations, however these will need to be fully integrated into a comprehensive reform programme for the spending review period, with costings and with Ministerial approval.</p> <p>Work with our futurologist is being done around the idea of a value based metrics. It was noted a strong value map might be beneficial for differentiating Cafcass from other ALBs.</p> <p>It was noted that it would be useful to align Cafcass' innovation work with the organisation's strategic plan.</p>	The group to consider a seminar with our futurologist and her contacts to do thinking around the idea of a value added map for Cafcass. JB to discuss with Tanya Laird.
5. Initiatives Mapping	<p>HJ presented the Initiatives Mapping spreadsheet. The document aims to capture the range of innovations both internal and external to Cafcass. It is a 'live' document which will be updated for each meeting.</p> <p>The group discussed the DFE Innovation programme which aims to reform child social care and offers local authorities freedoms to innovate and operate differently.</p> <p>Possible ideas for bids for the programme were discussed, such as partnerships with local</p>	A cover note for the spreadsheet highlighting the key headlines will be added to the spreadsheet going forward.

	<p>authorities to renovate the IRO role, and early intervention pre-proceedings in public law.</p> <p>Cafcass need to be seen as key player in the children's social care sector as we have the potential to do sector improvement work.</p>	
6. Innovation Projects Development Board (IPDB) Update	<p>JB presented the IPDB Update, which reports into this Board. Steady progress on current projects is being made, but capacity and resources are issues to be aware of in maintaining momentum across projects.</p> <p>The Model Office reports to the IPDB projects and focuses on piloting practice base projects within a structured framework.</p> <p>The possibility of building a library of apps which FCAs may find useful in their work with service users and families is being considered.</p>	The abbreviations and acronyms in the IPDB papers will be defined for the IPDB update going forward.
7. Round Up of Policy Developments	<p>The Chair presented a paper which summarised policy developments over recent months, which included the Government's response to the Special Guardianship review; the announcement on changes to adoption legislation and the reform programme for Children's social care.</p> <p>It was agreed that it is important that the Board understand the changing Policy landscape to make sense of detailed strategic innovations.</p>	HW will give a presentation at the February Board meeting on the current policy landscape. She will give a brief overview presentation in the morning and a longer presentation in the afternoon session.
8. Any Other Business	There was no further business.	

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 10 May 2016, 13.00 – 14.30pm