

Roma and Child Protection Working Group

Date: Monday 20 January 2025

Time: 11am to 12.30 pm

Location: Google Meets [online] - meet.google.com/sny-eqqk-hrt

Attendees: Mihai, Tyanna, Dada, Juraj, Katarina, Joanna

Agenda and Minutes

Agenda Item	Previous actions	Minutes – 20 January 2025	New actions
<p>Welcome</p> <p>If necessary, 15 minutes to be spent discussing specific cases that we may be concerned about so we can come together and suggest ways forward.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Katerina: child will be removed from the family as there is not much support. Some advice given. 	
<p>New members</p> <p>Discuss updates to action points + further suggestions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Iveta to check with the Hungarian lawyer. ● Tyanna-May to check with Filip. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Iveta has not heard back from the Hungarian lawyer. ● Erika may not be able to help as she now works in criminal law. ● Filip is still willing to participate. ● There was interest in our work so we are thinking of promoting it within our wider networks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tyanna to share message with Dada to promote for a family lawyer on Law for Life account. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pro bono support every month for half an hour on Child Protection cases. ● Tyanna to reach out to Barbora; Human Rights lawyer, on whether she can help or if she knows anyone else.
<p>Roma Child Protection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Everyone to research and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mihai suggests that the hub should 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Make a table on three

<p>HUB for families</p> <p>Discuss updates to action points + further suggestions.</p>	<p>propose resources (videos, guides, lawyers.</p>	<p>follow the same format as our EUSS page on the RSG website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joanna: How can we advertise that something like this exists? ● Dada: How do we get advocates to engage with this hub? ● There is a consensus that people are happy for the hub to follow the similar format. ● We should ask advocates what they need so we can cater the hub to their needs. ● Dada: suggests it is worth fundraising for this as it is a big project. ● The page: one section for professionals and one for families/advocates, and one for foster parents. ● Roma subsections can include resources from Law for Life to save on time. ● Mihai: identify materials on 'kinship' care. 	<p>different sections and people to drop links in there to populate the three sections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This new section under the promotions tab. ● Identify materials on 'kinship' care.
<p>Roma Child Protection HUB for councils and services</p> <p>Discuss updates to action points + further suggestions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Everyone to research and propose resources. ● Joanna to give updates on the HUB proposed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● - 	
<p>Safeguarding/public review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joanna to check the procedures. ● Mihai to contact Marc Willers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joanna has confirmed this is a public review. ● Mihai to have a call with Marc Willers to discuss. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dada to contact a lawyer that works with Irish Traveller families. ● Contact as an organisation the

<p>Discuss updates to action points + further suggestions.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We should contact the family and see how they feel about it. ● We should look at other examples of there being a public review; available on Law for Life and NSPCC. ● We need to get to the bottom of why the children were taken away from their family in the first case at Harehills before involving them. 	<p>local authority of Harehills whether they are doing a safeguarding review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joanna was happy to draft the letter to send. ○ Aim of the letter is to create learning resources + dispel myths and gossip about the situation.
<p>Pilot: National Roma Child Protection Programme</p> <p>Discuss updates to action points + further suggestions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joanna has submitted a bid to her university before to do a pilot project to strengthen Roma advocacy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joanna proposed to create a network to support Roma advocates. Supporting career projections, wellbeing, and connecting them with materials and resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The funding was not successful. ● The program could include career advice/hub for aspiring Roma social workers. ● The RSG can run webinars to disseminate this information to aspiring social workers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mihai mentioned after the RRF that the RSG would like to collaborate with DfE and other representatives on 5 action points to work towards improving the situation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tell them that evidence was submitted. ● Tyanna to send out a survey on availability for the next meeting.