

Roma and Child Protection Working Group

Date: Wednesday 12 March 2025

Time: 2pm to 3pm

Location: Google Meets [online]

Attendees: Sumayyah, Mihai, Tyanna-May, Joanna, Dada

Agenda and Minutes

Agenda Item	Previous actions	Minutes – 12 March 2025	New actions
Welcome 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.			
New members Discuss updates to action points + further suggestions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Tyanna to reach out to Barbora; Human Rights lawyer, on whether she can help or if she knows anyone else.● 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 make a table on three different sections and	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The initial aim of having a family lawyer joining for the first 15 minutes has been scrapped for now.● Instead it has been suggested for people to send in questions to policy@romasupportgroup.org.uk and the policy team will feed that to the family lawyer who will join the next meeting depending on demand and questions.● Joanna will continue to find	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Tyanna to reach out to Lawyers again with request to help on family law issue.● Remove the search for a lawyer from the next agenda.● Dada to utilise her contacts at Law for Life to see if they can help.● Dada and Mihai to revisit conversation on kinship care with L4L.

	<p>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. ● Dada to contact a lawyer that works with Irish Traveller families. ● Contact as an organisation the local authority of Harehills whether they are doing a safeguarding review. <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. ● Identify materials on 'kinship' care. 	<p>some family law contacts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tyanna to send Joanna an email about her update on Harehills on whether they are doing a safeguarding review.
<p>Roma Child Protection HUB for families</p> <p>Discuss updates to action points + further suggestions.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dada suggests we should write a practical guide for social workers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May be worth getting funding for this + a small amount of research (small conversations with key people). ● The hub will have the homepage + 4 sections (Roma parents, Roma advocates, social workers and foster parents.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mihai to send a link to the Brexit page and a template for the Child Protection page so that we may begin to populate it with information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Page for Roma parents, advocates (frequently asked questions section should be added + interpretation and cultural competence), social workers and

			<p>foster parents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We should all do our research to find funding by the next meeting.
<p>Roma Child Protection HUB for councils and services</p> <p>Discuss updates to action points + further suggestions.</p>			
<p>Safeguarding/public review</p> <p>Discuss updates to action points + further suggestions.</p>			
<p>Pilot: National Roma Child Protection Programme</p> <p>Discuss updates to action points + further suggestions.</p>	<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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next meeting scheduled for: 7th May 2025 @ 2pm - Tyanna to send out an invite. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We should all commit to a joint social media campaign using the Child Poverty briefing and posting on each of our websites. ● Dada to ask her colleague to make the briefing look a bit more professional.