

**WORKSHOP SESSION 1**  
**3.35 p.m. Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

<p><b><u>1. How to utilise Dynamic Purchasing Systems in social care framework type tenders</u></b></p> <p>Framework not working? Then think differently. This workshop will highlight the benefits and pitfalls in developing Dynamic Purchasing Systems for social care services. Investigating the options in managing staff &amp; resource issues that can occur through a continually open tender opportunity.  <b>Presenter: Mark Cage Herefordshire Council</b></p>	<p><b><u>2. CCRAG – How CCRAG Local Authorities share Quality Assurance Monitoring Visits (IFA &amp; Residential), assess risk and reduce duplication.</u></b></p> <p>CCRAG will be sharing our new approach to monitoring that creates efficiencies &amp; avoids duplication. Focusing on learning from serious case reviews &amp; the Fostering Stocktake, we will be introducing you to the Residential Risk Assessment Tool &amp; our new IFA monitoring process.  <b>Presenter: Karen Faulkner &amp; Clair Jones Hertfordshire County Council</b></p>	<p><b><u>3. Improving access to young people’s mental health service. The PAUSE Drop in model.</u></b></p> <p>Forward Thinking Birmingham provide the 0-25 mental health service, from early intervention to inpatient care. The Children’s Society, a member of FTB, provides the drop in PAUSE service – find out how drop-in services can form a part of an integrated mental health service, how PAUSE operates &amp; benefit from the 2 years’ experience.  <b>Presenters: Rob Willoughby The Children’s Society &amp; Carol McCauley-Kiernan NHS Birmingham and Solihull</b></p>
<p><b><u>4. Maximising Every Suffolk £ Spent- Our Social Value Journey</u></b></p> <p>Are you maximising the economic, social &amp; environment benefits of every public sector £ spent? We will share Suffolk’s Social Value journey as well as provide an update on the current tools, guidance &amp; potential savings to be realised to maximise Social Value in your organisation.  <b>Presenter: Katrina Browning Suffolk County Council</b></p>	<p><b><u>5. Specialist Fostering with Carer Peer Support through Mockingbird</u></b></p> <p>Successful specialist fostering is in high demand given the rising complexity of children in care. Heath Farm &amp; the Fostering Network are piloting an innovative approach utilising an extended family hub model to provide respite care, peer support, social activities &amp; regular joint planning &amp; training.  <b>Presenters: Heath Farm Fostering NFA Group &amp; Fostering Network</b></p>	<p><b><u>6. Social Impact Bonds: An Effective Approach to some Social Issues. Find out which ones and learn from success.</u></b></p> <p>The Government has renewed its commitment to supporting the development of these arrangements, a new round of LCF SIB’s are about to be approved &amp; experience has shown SIB’s can improve outcomes &amp; reduce costs. This will give you a view across the SIB landscape, on what makes a successful SIB &amp; highlight support to develop your own.  <b>Presenter: James Magowan Government Inclusive Economy Unit</b></p>
<p><b><u>7. The challenges in caring for asylum seeking children</u></b></p> <p>It’s been a long journey, through continents, trauma and pain. What next? Discover more about helping achieve positive outcomes for unaccompanied asylum seeking children and the challenges that are faced  <b>Presenters: Nicola Westley &amp; Vishal Singh Sunbeam Fostering Agency</b></p>	<p><b><u>8. Making procurement rules work- commissioning a youth homelessness prevention service</u></b></p> <p>Commissioned through a competitive procurement process with negotiation, our new service works with young people &amp; their families to restore relationships, enabling young people to live in their family networks and/or leave home in a more planned way.  <b>Presenters: Joanna Roberts &amp; Tom Rhodes Bristol</b></p>	<p><b><u>9. How can you support looked after children who have experienced domestic violence?</u></b></p> <p>The impact of living with Domestic Violence is often overlooked when a young person becomes looked after. Find out how Essex &amp; Safer Places have redesigned Domestic Violence services to ensure that the services don’t overlook this cohort.  <b>Presenters: Alison Lovesee Essex CC &amp; Jan Safer Places</b></p>
<p><b><u>10. The Paradox of Commissioning Frameworks.</u></b></p> <p>An examination of how placement decisions are made in 2018. With an increase in frameworks &amp; a increase in the spot-purchase of off-framework placements, how should LAs &amp; Providers work together to ensure best value commissioning decisions deliver the right placement, at the right time. An honest discussion between providers &amp; commissioners.  <b>Presenters: Tom Ellison Young Foundations</b></p>	<p><b><u>11 What Box? - Designing a Curriculum that is functionally fit for purpose.</u></b></p> <p>The presentation hopes to provide a brief overview of positive working partnership with a Local Authority to develop a tailored service. It will show how open dialogue and flexibility shown by all results in best practice.  <b>Presenters: Iain Sim West Kirby School &amp; College</b></p>	<p><b><u>12. Re-engaging the excluded learner...</u></b></p> <p>Providing an overview of the implementation &amp; practice of the Secure Base Model within a school setting. Outlining how it supports teaching staff in enabling children with complex needs to be ready to explore &amp; learn, with examples of how this is achieved through the structure, routines &amp; practice in our school.  <b>Presenters: Introduced by Taryn Poole Telford &amp; Wrekin, Sarah Earing &amp; Kerry Robertson Family Care</b></p>
<p><b><u>13. Exploring the relationship between needs/outcomes/costs in order to support delivery of sufficiency duties</u></b></p> <p>We will explore current demands/needs and outputs required to meet LA sufficiency duties in partnership with providers of CLA services.  <b>Presenters: Andrew James, DragonMaple Solutions &amp; Jacqueline Gear, Goldfish Consultancy</b></p>	<p><b><u>14. Social work and the Community</u></b></p> <p>Building greater community partnership working can support improved outcomes for children and their families. This workshop explores the challenges and the benefits of developing Community Initiatives and wider partnerships within Child Care Practice.  <b>Presenters: Ian Rees &amp; Carrie Needs Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council</b></p>	<p><b>nccTc would like to thank all the workshop presenters for supporting The Commissioners’ Conference this year.</b></p> <p align="center"><i>nccTc: The Commissioners’ Conference...</i></p> <p align="center"><i>For Commissioners- By Commissioners</i></p>

**WORKSHOP SESSION 2**  
11.00 a.m. Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

<p><b><u>1. Tackling Domestic Violence &amp; Abuse – a whole family approach</u></b></p> <p>Providing an overview of a holistic domestic abuse support service (Recovering Together) targeted for military families affected by domestic abuse and violence (DVA). Recovering Together aims to reduce instances of DVA and create a safe environment for children to grow up in through the use of a number of therapeutic interventions for the whole family. <b>Presenters: Kelly Walker Spurgeons</b></p>	<p><b><u>2. Building and Delivering Confidence in Care</u></b> Half way through the five-year programme aiming to transform outcomes for looked after children in Wales and influence the way children's social care is delivered. Discover how the consortium is delivering a unique country wide programme &amp; lessons learnt. <b>Presenters: Scott Ruddock TACT, Elizabeth Bryan (Fostering Network), Matthew Lewis (Action for Children), Professor Mike Robling (Cardiff Uni.)</b></p>	<p><b><u>3. How to commission staying close services that work. Using private, public and voluntary partners</u></b> Learning from the first round of Innovation to build a Staying Close project for new solutions for care leavers progressing from children's homes. Bringing Private, Public &amp; Voluntary providers together on equal terms to deliver parity of experience for all care leavers. <b>Presenters: Andrew Lewis St Christopher's &amp; Debbie Gabriel London Borough of Ealing</b></p>
<p><b><u>4. Creative pathways for whole-life journeys</u></b></p> <p>How can we do things differently to produce better outcomes for children and young people? How can we reduce dependency and cost without compromising? How can we draw on case studies to plan pathways for others? <b>Presenters Claire Rogers MD Progress &amp; Phil McDonald Operations Manager Progress.</b></p>	<p><b><u>5. How Dialectic Behaviour Therapy with Children who exhibit Harmful Sexual Behaviour in a residential setting really works.</u></b> Highlighting the development of skills needed to improve both intrapersonal &amp; interpersonal skills. DBT also gives a strengths based approach focussing upon major areas of concern that youth who display harmful sexual behaviours display. How effective has it been? <b>Presenters: Dr Carl O'Neil CareTech</b></p>	<p><b><u>6. Unconscious Bias and Social Care</u></b> Exploring what we mean by unconscious bias as well as the impact unconscious bias can have on decision-making &amp; practice in organisations. Introducing strategies &amp; techniques to address unconscious bias &amp; reflecting how unconscious bias can affect direct service deliver, development &amp; commissioning. <b>Presenters: Claire Lazarus and Dipti Mouj, Associates for Challenge Consultancy</b></p>
<p><b><u>7. Commissioning services that promote recovery after Tier 4 admission.</u></b> BMC aims to improve the quality of life for young people requiring support with mental health difficulties. They offer personalised integrated therapeutic care to young people requiring a step-down service following a period of admission to Tier 4 services. Find out the key factors for success <b>Presenters: Dr Lucy When, Dr Heidi Chambers Bryn Melyn Care</b></p>	<p><b><u>8. The Journey to Belonging: a care pathway from childhood to independence</u></b> How can you make young people more emotionally resilient &amp; hold a sense of belonging? Using case-studies to evidence young peoples' successful journeys from residential to their transition placements. <b>Presenters: Wendy Coetzee &amp; Rachael Mundy Horizon Care and Education</b></p>	<p><b><u>9. Promoting the rights of the child, affecting change in service development and delivery, using creative &amp; participative methods</u></b> An interactive work shop which will help teams and organisations to recognise the rights of children to be heard, Explore the barriers to participation, recognise the benefits of active participation &amp; help organisations &amp; teams ensure they are ready and willing to build 'A Culture of Participation'. <b>Presenters: Five Rivers</b></p>
<p><b><u>10. Better services by design: How service design can deliver innovation &amp; improve outcomes for vulnerable young people.</u></b> TCS has worked with commissioners to better understand &amp; respond to the needs of specific cohorts of young people. We will share: our experience of doing service design with commissioners; how we're managing risk in our most innovative collaborations through the use of 'test-and-learn pipelines'; the approaches &amp; thinking we're pioneering to step from service design to deeper systems change. <b>Presenter: Adam Groves &amp; Kirsten Naude, The Children's Society</b></p>	<p><b><u>11. The world of Looked After Children: LACKing Funding ... LACKing Creativity... LACKing Provision... Let's get MAD... &amp; start MAKING A DIFFERENCE!</u></b> LAC remain the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in society. How do we work together to commission services for LAC that REALLY work? Looking at effective &amp; efficient ways to work together to achieve optimum outcomes for our children, which will have a positive impact on your ratings &amp; on their life chances. <b>Presenters: Linzi Sim, Kim Stafford &amp; Kim Walder Esland</b></p>	<p><b><u>12. Fight/flight or ADHD? Is there an overlap? And what should we do about it?</u></b> How many LAC or YPs in care proceedings show symptoms of ADHD? Could this reflect trauma exposure instead? What does this mean for treatment &amp; placement support needs? We will present new data from Conners &amp; BERRI showing how children meet clinical thresholds for ADHD symptoms &amp; discuss whether these are "false positives". What are the wider needs of this group &amp; the interventions/ support to meet these needs? <b>Presenter: Dr Miriam Silver Psychologist</b></p>
<p><b><u>13. Thriving in Maintained Provision: Third Sector Partnership Working to Sustain Pupils in LA Schools.</u></b> Detailing the development, implementation &amp; ongoing delivery of two successful partnership models for children with ASC &amp; those in need of Occupational, speech and language support. <b>Presenters: Dave Hulley (Commissioner, Stockport Council), Anne Price (School Principal, Together Trust), Niall Wilson (Head of Clinical Services, Together Trust).</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>What makes The Commissioners' Conference different? You do!</b> As a Commissioner we are always keen to make sure the conference reflects your needs so.... If there is an area not covered by a workshop which you feel should be or where you have expertise please do let us know so that we can try to incorporate this next time.</p> <p align="center"><i>nccTc: The Commissioners' Conference... For Commissioners- By Commissioners</i></p>	

## WORKSHOP SESSION 3

1pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

### **1. How to work with children to prevent the risk of exploitation- The SAFE Project**

Funded through the Big Lottery, The Safe Project provides support to individual and groups of children, who are considered to be low/medium in terms of their risk of CSE, and other exploitations & includes preventative work with schools.

**Presenters: Martin Cross West Sussex and Laura Thorpe Asphaleia**

### **2. The Care Leavers Accommodation and Support Framework. Looking along the care leavers' trajectory.**

Learn how we are deploying the framework so that good housing can underpin the transition of care leavers into adulthood. Developing the services that support young people along the leaving care pathway on their journey to independent accommodation. We are not there yet!.... but have made progress

**Presenters: Kalvinder Kohli Birmingham City Council & Jean Templeton St Basils.**

### **3. How does commissioning practice impact on sufficiency? Messages from independent and voluntary sector fostering providers**

The way that local authorities commission services impacts on the placement number & type that IFPs can offer. With high demand & low supply, NAFP has carried out a second annual survey of its' members seeking their views on what needs to be done to enable an increased choice of placements. Providing a summary of what providers think has recently changed, what works well & what needs to improve & helpful information to increase sufficiency through interactive debate & discussion!

**Presenters: Marie Tucker and Harvey Gallagher NAFP**

### **4. Sleep-in Duties and the National Minimum Wage. What is all the fuss about?**

HMRC have clarified the situation regarding whether the NMW applies to care workers who are required to sleep overnight as part of their job. Find out what the implications are for the commissioning of placements as well as the financial viability of the market

**Presenters: Jonathan Stanley ICHA**

### **5. Technology, Process and Culture – The three pillars of effective commissioning.**

Commissioning to deliver the best outcomes for each individual is tough. Without each of the three pillars in place, is it impossible?

**Presenters: Mark Young, adam & Lesley Harper, ex Children's Commissioner & Social Care lead at YPO.**

### **6. How do we know who is doing a good job?' How can we compare apples and pears?**

An interactive discussion on the Commissioners' & Providers' challenges in measuring the quality of the outcomes achieved by a child within an educational service. Outcome frameworks have been developed for the individual. However, how do we assess the outcomes & value for money of whole services in a specialist market? Discussing the different perspectives in this interactive session we also hope to understand if there is an appetite to form a working party to develop tools that work.

**Presenters: Alison Lovesee Essex County Council, Caryn Onions Mulberry Bush, Julian Roberts SENviews**

### **7. What's been in the financial news about the children's social care and education sectors? What does it mean for commissioners?**

Funding and finances are never far from centre stage in children's social care and education sectors. This workshop reviews the financial landscape, including some of the larger corporate results in order to examine what messages are there for commissioners.

**Presenters: Andrew Rome Revolution Consulting**

### **8. Commissioning for children and young people with high-need, low-incidence SEND**

Ensuring low incidence SEND needs are met within the system is complex. Requiring partners across education, health & care services to work together in a mutually co-operative system of support & intervention. Exploring the changing landscape & the benefits of adopting a regional commissioning approach for this group of CYP.

**Presenters: Brian Lamb OBE, Michelle Allison – National Sensory Impairment Partnership**

### **9. Dynamic Purchasing Vehicles: our journey to fixing a broken market**

"An overview of the work undertaken by the West London Alliance in their development of Dynamic Purchasing Vehicles for IFA, Residential and SEN. What did we do to try and maximise competition, choice and transparency and create a market that works for young people? What have we learnt & what are our next steps?"

**Presenters: Laura Harris & Jonny Woodthorpe West London Alliance**

### **10. National Sufficiency Amnesty. How it could change the marketplace within your area**

A new process letting authorities know when a child leaves a placement within their area so that the authority is aware of available resources.

**Presenters: Lisa Tank and Martha Moroney Hertfordshire County Council**

### **11. We need to talk about Kevin Gangs.**

Find out the latest thinking of how we should be working with gangs and the consequences of gang behaviour including County Lines

**Presenters: Mark Pearson, James Hensman Excelsior Safeguarding**

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