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From: Katy Block <Katy.Block@adcs.org.uk>
Sent: 15 September 2014 09:27
To: BISHOP, Stephen
Subject: RE: ADCS - Home Education

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Hi Stephen, thanks for coming along, I know members of the committee valued the chance to raise their concerns with you directly, if you need to contact the committee again in the future for any reason please do let me know, many thanks.

Katy

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Subject: RE: ADCS - Home Education

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Dear Katy

Thank you for facilitating the meeting on Friday. It was useful to me to hear some comments from senior people in local authorities, and that will add to the more practical information we hope to get from the EHE forums. As you might imagine, nothing visible will happen for a few months while we are gathering information, and of course I cannot say what actually might happen before ministers have considered the issues.

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Subject: RE: ADCS - Home Education

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Hi Stephen,

Just to let you know I'll be at the Laycock Centre from 10.15ish on Friday. Attendees start arriving from 10.30ish for a pre-meeting coffee and chat so you're welcome to make your way to room seven if you arrive a little earlier.

Many thanks

Katy

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From: Katy Block
Sent: 01 September 2014 09:25
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Subject: RE: ADCS - Home Education

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Great, thanks Stephen, 30 minutes is absolutely fine, we've got quite a lot to get through on the day. I'll be sure to include the link below when I send out the papers.

If you need anything else please do let me know otherwise I'll see you next week, thanks.

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Katy

I was waiting to hear from you for confirmation, but yes I am expecting to be there at 11am on Friday 12th. Rachael's email below suggested a 45 minute slot but 30 minutes would be fine if that's easier. I don't have any specific papers but I will be talking partly about the DfE EHE guidance (at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/288135/guidelines_for_las_on_elective_home_educationsecondrevisev2_0.pdf

and it might be useful to let members have a copy of that with the agenda.

I would aim to be there by 1045

Stephen

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Sent: 29 August 2014 17:01
To: BISHOP, Stephen
Subject: RE: ADCS - Home Education

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Hi Stephen,

I can't remember if I came back to you on this meeting or not (it's been a long week)! Debbie Barnes, Chair of the ADCS Educational Achievement Policy Committee is keen for you to attend our next meeting is at 11am on 12 September at the Laycock Centre in Islington, London. I am told we usually put guest speakers at the top of the agenda so you can bob out once your item is done. Do you have any papers you wish to submit ahead of the meeting (I'll be sending the agenda out at the end of next week).

Let me know what you think, feel free to give me a call if that's easier?

Many thanks

Katy

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Cc: Stephen.BISHOP@education.gsi.gov.uk; Katy Block
Subject: RE: ADCS - Home Education

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Thank you, we will wait for Katy's confirmation.

We hope you enjoy your new post in the north-east. This team is based in Darlington and we can confirm that there are many advantages to working here!

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Sent: 04 August 2014 14:03
To: BISHOP, Stephen
Cc: MCHANWELL, Jackie; SHIELD, Tracey; SWIFT, Peter; Katy Block
Subject: Re: ADCS - Home Education

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Stephen,

Thanks for your email. Yes - good idea - let's go for the front end - say 11am for 45 minutes?

The meeting is under a new chair (Debbie Barnes, DCS Lincolnshire) and there will be a new Policy Officer by then. I am leaving for a new position in the North East and I'm being replaced by Katy Block (copied in).

Katy starts a week today - so I will ask her to get in touch to doubly confirm.

Best wishes,

Rachael

Sent from my iPhone

On 4 Aug 2014, at 13:59, "Stephen.BISHOP@education.gsi.gov.uk" <Stephen.BISHOP@education.gsi.gov.uk> wrote:

Rachael

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Thank you for the email and attached notes.

I think we would like to attend the meeting on September 12th, if it is possible to have a slot in which we can air the main problems as we see them, and seek reactions. I have put it in my diary – there might be more than one of us. Obviously we would only attend for that item, I wonder if it might be possible for us to attend at the beginning only or the end only, although obviously that is for you to decide.

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Subject: RE: ADCS - Home Education

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Stephen,

I'm acutely aware that I didn't get back to you on this one – my apologies. Attached are a few reflections from members of the ADCS. I thought I would let you see them in their fullest rather than edit them.

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If you are quoting them anywhere – please remove any names or references to local authorities but if you want to follow up the comments with further questions, our members would be more than happy to help.

The next meeting of the ADCS Educational Achievement Policy Committee is on Friday 12th September 11am – 3pm at the Laycock Professional Development Centre in Islington. You would be more than welcome to attend if you had further thoughts to discuss with members. The committee is made up of some Directors of Children's Services but the vast majority of members as Assistant / Deputy Directors of Education – with around 20 – 25 attending on a regular basis.

Best wishes,

Rachael

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Thank you

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Subject: FW: ADCS - Home Education

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Stephen,

Kate has passed this letter onto me as Policy Officer for the Educational Achievement Policy Committee. I have asked the committee for views on the topic and given them a deadline of next Tuesday for responses. It maybe something that warrants discussion at one of our policy committees but I will be in touch further next week.

Best wishes,

Rachael

From: Kate Shethwood
Sent: 01 July 2014 15:03
To: Rachael Hitchinson
Subject: FW: ADCS - Home Education

Kate Shethwood (nee 'Wood')
Policy Officer

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Please note that since 1st April ADCS has moved premises.
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Subject: ADCS - Home Education

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PI find attached letter, also being sent in hard copy by post.

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(by email also)

1 July 2014

Dear Ms Shethwood

ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION

I am addressing this letter to you as ADCS policy officer, but please pass it to someone more appropriate in ADCS if necessary.

The Department publishes guidelines on elective home education. These can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/elective-home-education>

Over the past year or so, a number of local authorities have expressed a view that their current powers are insufficient to deal with cases where children are being home educated as a way of avoiding safeguarding action. The Department, for its part, has taken the view that authorities' general power under s.175 of the Education Act 2002 is sufficient to initiate action, which may then be progressed if necessary using more their specific powers on safeguarding and child protection.

Following some recent correspondence, the Department wishes to discuss these issues with a representative organisation such as ADCS, with a view to agreeing what the Department could usefully include in any revised guidance to authorities about this aspect of home education. This would involve exploration of what is actually practicable, given that some of the problems are actually about knowing whether children exist at all, rather than there being home educated.

Can I ask you to consider whether ADCS would wish to be involved in this

and if so how? We should be happy to attend or organise a meeting as necessary.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Bishop', written in a cursive style.

Stephen Bishop

Independent Education and Boarding Team
