

EIS Educational Psychologists' Network
Monday 9 June 2014

A meeting of the Educational Psychologists' Network was held on Monday 9 June 2014 at 2.00 pm in the Offices of the Institute, 46 Moray Place, Edinburgh.

- (1) Sederunt: - D Morrice (Assistant Secretary), D McGinty (National Officer), E Bryson, S Bull, J Burke, J Dickenson, A Elliot, C Kidd, P McIlwain, N Morris and J Tavendale.

Apologies had been received from M Mackenzie, N Mahmoud, K McPherson, H O'Donohue, A Reid and V Sutherland.

- (2) Note of Educational Psychologists' Network meeting, 24 February 2014: - The note of the meeting was agreed as an accurate record.

- (3) Matters Arising from the Minute

4 Salary Comparators: - It was noted that advice had been received from the Institutes advising solicitors. Assistant Secretary Morrice agreed to produce a formal note on the issue for the Network and the Joint Forum. It was agreed to keep the item on the agenda for a further meeting.

4 Concerns of Health & Safety and Confidentiality: - Responses to the survey were tabled at the meeting. National Officer McGinty gave an oral report on the findings. It was agreed that the survey would be repeated in 6 months with the addition of some further questions on confidentiality and scope for written responses.

- (4) Workforce Planning: - National Officer McGinty gave an update on the last Workforce Planning meeting. Concerns were raised by some members on the lack of placements available to probationers. It was agreed that Assistant Secretary Morrice would write to the course co-ordinators at both Dundee and Strathclyde on the issue.

- (5) Joint Forum: - Assistant Secretary Morrice gave an update on the last Joint Forum meeting. Concerns were raised over non replacement of PEPs on a like for like basis. It was noted that the Joint Forum were preparing a letter to send to Local Authorities on the issue. It was also noted that while some councils provided funding for trainers on the Register of Approved Trainers this was not universal. It was agreed that Assistant Secretary Morrice would raise this issue when writing to the university course co-ordinators. Concerns were also raised regarding the timescale for BPS approval of probationers. It was agreed the issues would be raised again with COSLA.

(6) Online Forum: - Network members were given a presentation on the new Online Forum. It was agreed that the forum would go live once agreement had been sought from Network members on the publication of individual e-mail addresses. Angela Smith was thanked for her work on the site.

(7) AOCB: -

Travelling Expenses: - It was noted that the issue of travelling expenses has been raised again. It was agreed the Assistant Secretary Morrice would write out to members to clarify the current position.

(8) Date and time of next meeting: - The next meeting of the Network will be held on Monday 6 October 2014 at 2.00pm.