

## **EIS Educational Psychologists' Network** **Wednesday 20 May 2015**

A meeting of the Educational Psychologists' Network was held on Wednesday 20 May 2015 at 2.00 pm in the Offices of the Institute, 46 Moray Place, Edinburgh.

- (1) Sederunt: - D Morrice (Assistant Secretary), D McGinty (National Officer) H Brauer, E Bryson, J Burke, J Dickenson, M Mackenzie, N Mahmoud, P McIlwain, K McPherson, N Morris and J Tavendale.

Apologies had been received from S Bull, C Kidd, E McIntyre and V Sutherland.

- (2) Note of Educational Psychologists' Network meeting, 10 November 2014: - The note of the meeting was agreed as an accurate record.
- (3) NSSGEP Researcher: - L McCorkell provided a brief presentation on the work that she is carrying out for the steering group. The Network thanked Linzi for the presentation. It was agreed that an electronic version of the presentation would be circulated to the Network.
- (4) Joint Forum: - It was noted that the Joint Forum has not met recently but a date was scheduled for mid June. A draft letter to Angela Constance was circulated to the network. Some amendments were made and it was agreed that the letter would be placed on the agenda for the next Joint Forum meeting.
- (5) Workforce Planning: - An update was given on the last meeting of the NSSGEP. It was noted that Liam McArthur MSP had lodged two questions to Parliament regarding the numbers of students training as Educational Psychologists.
- (6) Workload: - A draft was tabled at the meeting. Amendments were made by the Network and it was agreed that this would be sent to all Educational Psychologist members in the form of a letter.
- (7) Sickness Absence: - D Morrice explained the current EIS policy relating to the management of absence in Scotland's Councils.
- (8) AOCB: -

Register for Approved Psychologist Supervisors (RAPS): - K McPherson raised concerns at the differences between Councils on the support offered to those on the register. It was agreed that D Morrice would survey Local Associations to find out if this was an issue elsewhere and to raise the matter with COSLA.

HCPC Registration Fees: - It was noted that HCPC had recently completed a consultation on registration fees. D Morrice advised that the EIS has been omitted from this consultation. It was agreed that D Morrice would write a letter of complaint to HCPC to note the EIS concerns as the main union to represent Educational Psychologists in Scotland at being omitted from the consultation.

- (9) Date and time of next meeting: - It was agreed that dates would be circulated to the Network for the next meeting.