**Pan London Network**

**Directors & Assistant Directors of Children’s Commissioning**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Purpose of the network**

To support senior commissioners to continually improve practice and outcomes by:

* Sharing information and best practice in relation to local authority Children’s commissioning, including integration with CCG commissioning
* Identifying and sharing solutions to consistently difficult issues in relation to local authority Children’s commissioning and joint commissioning with partners
* Identifying and progressing opportunities for joint commissioning by London boroughs
* Providing peer support
* Leading any relevant actions or workstreams as requested by the Association of London Directors of Children’s Services (ALDCS)

**The group will:**

* Focus on themes that relate to local authority adults’ and children’s commissioning and present the greatest challenges for achieving good outcomes and value for money
* Work with and influence local and regional Commissioning with CCG and STP arrangements to support local and regional integrated commissioning
* Provide space for discussing consistently difficult issues, share and evaluate potential solutions between members of the group and identifying joint commissioning opportunities
* Invite external organisations and/or local authorities from outside of London to inform discussions and share best practice and potential solutions
* Establish task and finish group/s to lead specific work as required

**Interdependencies**

The network may be requested to lead on commissioning related actions or workstreams on behalf of ALDCS.

The network will report to ALDCS as required.

The network will seek to establish an interface with the Healthy London Partnership

**Frequency**

The network will meet quarterly. Any task and finish groups established by the network will meet as required.

**Membership**

Membership is open to all Directors and Assistant Directors of Commissioning for Children’s Services in London local authorities. This includes posts that are held jointly with Adults’ Services and Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Attendance at meetings may be limited by room size and places will be provided to those who RSVP first.

The Chair and Vice Chair will be identified on an annual basis by nomination or volunteers, with a vote taken (1vote per member) if necessary.

All members are requested to contribute to meetings through the sharing of good practice, challenges and opportunities.

A list of current members is attached in appendix A.

**Administrative support**

Administrative support, including taking and circulating action points, will be provided by via the Chair and Vice Chair.

Meeting rooms will be provided by London Councils.

# Review

The terms of reference will be reviewed annually.

**Appendix A**

Membership:

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| **Member** | **Role/ Organisation** |
| Warwick Tomsett (Chair) | Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning  (Adults and Children’s)  Tower Hamlets LA and CCG |
| Louise Mackender de Cari (Vice Chair) | Assistant Director, Strategy, Performance & Commissioning,  (Children’s Services)  Royal Borough of Greenwich |
| Tony Parker | Director of  Children and Young People’s Commissioning and Improvement,  London Borough Of Lambeth and Lambeth Clinical Commissioning Group |
| Clive Grimshaw | Strategic Lead for Health & Adult Social Care  Head of Children’s Services  London Councils |
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This membership is subject to review, and will be updated periodically.