ESRC Project (ES/P008240/1):

"The effectiveness of an enhanced book gifting intervention for improving reading outcomes for children in care"

Terms of Reference and Membership for Project Advisory Group

1) Terms of Reference

Role

The Project Advisory Group (PAG) will provide independent and objective advice and support to the research team to ensure the successful completion of the research project. Within this, the PAG will:

1. Review and advise on the research design and implementation of the study.

2. Receive and consider detailed reports from the research team on the progress of the study against the original proposal and objectives set.

3. Review progress made and provide advice and guidance on all aspects of the delivery of the study.

4. Consider emerging findings and advise the research team on the interpretation of these.

5. Provide advice and guidance on the proposals for engaging with key stakeholders and achieving impact on policy and practice.

6. Read and comment on draft versions of the final report and alternative versions of the findings prepared for different stakeholders and lay audiences.

Membership

The PAG will comprise 15-20 members of relevant government departments, agencies and academic specialists.

A separate Children and Young People's Advisory Group (CYPAG) will be established to seek the views of children and young people with experience of being in care. Two members of the CYPAG will also join the PAG to represent the perspectives of the CYPAG.

Meetings

The PAG will meet twice per year for the duration of the study. One of these meetings each year will be held in central London and the other will be by conference call. Members of the PAG unable to attend the face-to-face meetings will have the opportunity to participate through conference call.

2) Membership

Chair

- **Steve Higgins**, Professor of Education, Durham University.

Members

- **Michael Bettencourt**, National Association of Virtual School Heads (NAVSH).
- **Lynn Blencowe**, Foster Carer, England.
- **Natasha Finlayson**, CEO, Become.
- **Bob Flynn**, Professor of Psychology, University of Ottawa.
- **Robbie Gilligan**, Professor of Social Work and Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin.
- **Alex Magloire**, Senior HMI, Early Years West Midlands Region, OFTED.
- **Eilis McDaniel**, Director of Children and Family Policy, DHSSPS, Northern Ireland.
- **Jane Pickthall**, Head of the Virtual School at North Tyneside Council.
- **John Simmonds**, Director of Policy, Research and Development, CoramBAAF.
- **Rhona Stainthorp**, Professor of Education, University of Reading.
- **Bo Vinnerljung**, Professor of Social Work, University of Stockholm.
- **Andrea Williams**, Director of Education, Middlesborough Council, representing the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS)
- **Kevin Williams**, CEO, Fostering Network.
- **Two members of the Children and Young People's Advisory Group.**