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Welcome to Issue 28 of The HOPE Briefing. The Briefing is intended to be of interest to carers, schools, particularly designated teachers (DTs) and named governors, social care staff and LA officers.

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1. Reminders for this term

- 1. Designated Teachers (DTs)** with Bristol CiC from Year R to Y11 inclusive should have received an email about the launch of the Establishment Portal on 14 September. (The email was also sent to additional users who The HOPE knew about at that date.) If you did not receive that email or if you have had a new Bristol CiC in YR to Y11 since that date and have not yet heard from The HOPE, please contact [Jackie Scarman](#). Written guidance and a link to a video about the Portal will then be emailed to you. We plan to contact Post 16 establishments about accessing the Portal later on this term.
- 2. Education settings** are reminded that the deadline for CiC Pupil Premium compliance for the second instalment of the 2020-21 financial year is Friday 23 October.

To receive this funding:

- 1) the designated teacher must have accessed training on how to use the Establishment Portal before 23 October 2020 (via the written materials and/or viewing the video)
- 2) you need to enter on the Establishment Portal by **Friday 23 October 2020** (end of term 1 in Bristol):
 - Autumn 1 attainment/progress data*
 - up to date attendance data* (if your establishment's attendance data is not given to Bristol City Council and your setting is not contacted by The HOPE's commissioned provider)

- 3) you need to securely email to The HOPE an up to date PEP from your setting (from April 2020 onwards, **or** from the 2020-21 academic year if the young person is in a key stage transition year group)
- In addition, The HOPE needs to have judged up to date PEPs from your setting as good. Specifically, the Pupil Premium information must have sufficient detail to be judged as good.

There is an expectation that schools will record on the PEP what has been put in place as part of the recovery curriculum to support future progress and attainment. The 'Discussion of Last PEP's Actions' section and 'S.M.A.R.T. Action plan' can be used to record this.

*If you need assistance with the data entry, please email Jackie Scarman or leave a message for her with your name and phone number on 0117 35 76108.

3. Social workers for children in Year 6, please remember to apply for a secondary school before the end of October. Applications have to be made by the person with parental responsibility by 31 October 2020 at the latest. As the school holidays fall during the last week of October, we advise that applications are made before 23 October. Applications not made by 31 October will not have their preferences guaranteed.

Information is available at New year 7 secondary school place and applications can be made online at the Parent Portal.

Please email School Admissions or phone them on 90 37694 if you have any questions about this process.

If a young person is placed out of authority, the person with parental responsibility will need to apply to that authority and not to Bristol. Please contact Leanne Bishop if you require any assistance with this.

Children/Young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan have their places agreed prior to the general allocation and schools/Social Workers are sent the forms for these C&YP, to be filled in by the person who holds parental responsibility, and returned to SEN by 31 October at the latest please.

Please keep in mind that any requests for a move from or to special school requires an Educational Psychology view. The SEN team may not be able to place at the school of choice if the preference is received late.

4. Social workers for children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, please be aware that these children may start school in

September 2021. Information about the process can be found at the School Admissions website for the local authority the child is being educated in.

In Bristol this is: [New reception primary school place](#) and applications can be made online at the [Parent Portal](#).

Applications need to be made by the person with parental responsibility by 15 January 2021 in order to meet the deadline but we recommend submitting your application by the end of 2020. Please email [School Admissions](#) or phone them if you have any questions about this process.

5. All settings with one or more CiC on roll should have presented a report to their governing body in term 5 or 6. Schools are asked to send a copy of their report to [The HOPE](#). Thank you to the settings that have already submitted theirs. The annual report proforma is available on this web page: [How schools can support young people in care](#). There is also an audit tool to assist you to judge the quality of your report, systems and processes on the same web page.

2. Update on The HOPE staff

Bristol City Council has taken the decision that its staff should continue to work at home until November at least. The HOPE staff will continue to attend as many meetings as possible by phone or virtually for the time being.

Email is the best way to contact us. Our email addresses and working days can be found in our [leaflet](#) about The HOPE Virtual School.

However, messages left on our main number – 0117 90 36282 – are being listened to during the day and will be replied to as soon as possible. There may be a delay if the message needs to be forwarded to a particular member of staff as the team is very busy, but we will do our best to reply promptly.

We have a new staff member this term, Rene Katiisa. Rene has joined us as our Interim Years 6 to 8 Advocate. She brings a lot of knowledge of young people in care from previous roles and we are really pleased to welcome her to The HOPE team.

The team has undergone a reorganisation. One purpose of this is to support our work with young people through transitions. Whereas previously our Advocates were allocated to a specific key stage, they will now be working with year groups through transition years.

The changes apply to the following staff:

Shelina Jerram: Years 1 to 5 Advocate

Ian Hutton: Years 1 to 5 Advocate

Rene Katiisa: Years 6 to 8 Advocate

Leanne Bishop: Years 6 to 8 Advocate (plus Inclusion & Participation Lead for unaccompanied asylum seeking children in care – UASCiC) Leanne is also The HOPE's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Craig Barnett: Years 9 to 11 Advocate

Hattie Billsberry: Years 9 to 11 Advocate

Angela Ryan: Post 16 Advocate (focussing on Post 16 young people with EHCPs)

Penny Russell: Post 16 Advocate (focussing on Post 16 young people without EHCPs)

Katherine Juniper: Inclusion & Participation Lead (children missing education and those on part-time timetables)

As you will note, there are 2 Advocates for specific year groups. DTs who have access to the Establishment Portal will be able to identify which Advocate is allocated to a specific young person on the young person's record on the Portal.

The following staff remain in the roles they were in prior to the reorganisation:

Rachael Pryor: Virtual School Headteacher (VSH) and Head of Service, Inclusive City. Due to wider responsibilities, Rachael has stepped back from operational work with The HOPE.

Sue Cox: Deputy Headteacher

Nick Lawrence: Deputy Headteacher, Achievement

Bev Leeson: Stakeholder & Communication Manager

Anne Mortimore: Early Years Support Teacher

Rebecca Harrison: Transition & SEND Lead

Jackie Scarman: Business Support & Data Co-ordinator

Aleksandra Baranska: Business Support Officer

3. The HOPE Mary Palmer Poetry Competition 2020

The theme for this year's Mary Palmer Poetry Competition is 'Food' - a fun, interesting and wide ranging theme to inspire lots of entries.

The competition is open to foster carers as well as Bristol's children and young people in care and care leavers. A flyer for the Poetry Competition is being sent with this edition of The HOPE Briefing. It is also available on the [R-Voice website](#). The deadline for sending your poem to us is Tuesday 10th November. The HOPE Team love reading your submissions so *please* encourage your young people to send in a poem, and please have a go if you are a carer!

New for 2020 – we have an online Poetry Workshop with renowned Bristol Poet Miles Chambers. This can be accessed via the link: <http://bit.ly/hopepoetry> or the QR code on the flyer. Do encourage everyone to take 10 minutes to watch; there are tips and activities to help you and your young people get started in writing your poems.

4. Instalment 3 of CiC PPG for the 2020-21 financial year

The final deadline for CiC Pupil Premium compliance for the 2020-21 financial year is **Friday 18 December 2020** (end of term 2 in Bristol).

To receive this funding you need to:

- 1) enter on the Establishment Portal by that date:
 - Autumn 2 attainment/progress data*
 - up to date attendance data* (if your establishment's attendance data is not given to Bristol City Council and your setting is not contacted by The HOPE's commissioned provider)

- 2) securely email to The HOPE an up to date Personal Education Plan (PEP) from your setting (up to date means on or after 1 September 2020)
 - In addition, The HOPE needs to have judged up to date PEPs from your setting as good or better. Specifically, the Pupil Premium information must have sufficient detail to be judged as good.

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5. HOPE Highlights - good news stories

The HOPE staff are involved in lots of good news stories during the course of our work and we thought it would be nice to share some highlights with you, starting with a few from the 2019-20 academic year.

For the first time, our **Progress 8 scores for Y11** were higher than CiC nationally and our **KS2 Reading, Writing and Maths** outcomes were significantly above national CiC.

During lockdown we continued with **Personal Education Plan** meetings and supported our children, schools, settings and social care colleagues to minimise the

impact on our children's education. We have appreciated the support we have had from other professionals.

Training: Collectively, HOPE staff trained approximately 400 professionals during 2019-20.

PEP quality: The percentage of PEPs monitored by HOPE staff during the academic year that were judged as good or better averaged a very pleasing 94.3%.

We sent out 254 **attendance certificates** to young people who had over 96% attendance during terms 1 to 3.

6. Training dates for the 2020-21 academic year

Social care staff

Information on training available and how to book a place is available on the social care training pages of the Source, Bristol City Council's intranet.

Carers

Bristol City Council carers can find information about training on the [Fostering website](#).

Named governors for CiC

Course: Introduction to The HOPE, Bristol's Virtual School

Date and time: Thursday 15 November 2020, 10.00am to 12.00pm

Location: Zoom meeting

Course: Governors' Update – content dependent on questions from delegates

Date and time: Tuesday 8 December 2020, 10.00am to 12.00pm

Location: Zoom meeting

To apply for a course please contact the Governor Development Service with the name and date of the course(s) you want to attend plus your:

- name
- position
- school

Email: gds@bristol.gov.uk

Tel: 0117 903 6900

Designated teachers (DTs)

We will be running training online until at least the end of this calendar year.

Sessions for **new** DTs took place on 1 October. We may run further sessions, as needed, so if you are a new DT and were unable to make that training, please email aleksandra.baranska@bristol.gov.uk.

Let her know your:

- name
- email address
- role
- setting or school

If you're booking for someone else, you must get their permission first. We'll need their name and email address.

Places for future sessions will be filled on a first come, first served basis as spaces are limited.

There are also sessions planned for **experienced** primary and experienced secondary DTs.

1. **Primary experienced designated teacher training**

Thursday 12 November, 11am to 12 noon

2. **Secondary experienced designated teacher training**

Thursday 12 November, 3pm to 4pm

The content of these sessions will be delegate-led.

To book, email aleksandra.baranska@bristol.gov.uk with your:

- name
- email address
- role
- setting or school

We'll send you a Zoom link to join the training.

If you're booking for someone else, you must get their permission first. We'll need their name and email address.

Places will be filled on a first come, first served basis as spaces are limited.

EXTERNAL training course

The NAVSH/Bath Spa University postgraduate course in the education of care experienced children for 2021 is now open for applications. The course is entirely online and will run from January to August 2021. Participants will critically study key research on the education of experienced children and young people as well as attachment, trauma and learning. The course can be taken on its own or count towards a postgraduate qualification such as a Master's degree. It is open to anyone with an interest in the area and NAVSH will pay a scholarship of £500 to

participants who successfully complete the course and who share their learning with others, for example at a regional conference.

You can find full details of the course and learn about the experience of previous participants at:

<https://navsh.org.uk/postgraduate-study-in-professional-practice/>

Applications are made via a form on the website. The closing date for applications is Friday October 16th. Please note that a minimum of 20 participants are needed to run the course and that there is a selection process if the course is oversubscribed. Participants do not need to be NAVSH members.

If you have any comments on this Briefing or would like any further information about anything mentioned, please contact [Bev Leeson](#) or leave a message for her on 0117 90 36282.