

Social Care Aspect	LCC Position including legal
LAC placements	Consideration for all accommodated children and placements is on-going
Contact	For children and families subject to care proceedings and Section 20 placements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) All direct contact will now be suspended for a minimum of 3 weeks to the 15.04.2020; LA is under a duty to provide "reasonable" contact and this cannot be delivered safely in light of government restrictions. b) The exploration of indirect contact is underway including digital solutions; a new virtual contact agreement is being worked on. Update will be provided on the 27.03.2020 c) Lawyers will be updated on their individual cases so all legal representatives can be updated. They have been given a "holding" position to provide to parties in the meantime.
Assessment Sessions for PA's; Initial risk assessments; VA's etc	Held by telephone; some sessions face to face but the visiting guidance is not yet determined.
Social Workers/EHW be visiting homes	If absolutely critical only; if don't have to will not; each team has a priority case list and will determine what can be done for each of those families.
HV's ; C&YP nurses be visiting homes	Routine visits not take place but families can access services; they too will have a priority list of families
Residential units	Still open; LA has trained 70 people who may be re-deployed to cover staffing in those units if needed;
Mother and baby foster placements	Still in place
LAC Reviews	Will be done by telephone and so remotely
Discharge planning meetings for babies	Held by telephone and with a draft plan shared in advance and agreed by email
QAAG	Internal conference call
LPM's	By telephone
PPM's	
a) First PPM	Not to be cancelled; by telephone
b) Review PPM	Not to be cancelled; try and postpone if realistic; otherwise hold by telephone conference
Conference with Counsel & Lawyers before hearings	
a) Telephone	From the office; From mobiles and establish who is taking the lead.
b) Skype for Business	Try to use this as preferred method because this will

	assist clients if they are required to give evidence; guidance will be provided
HEARINGS:	
SW evidence; EHW evidence; LA witness evidence	a) Telephone hearings via BT MeetMe b) Skype for business c) SFB must be used if evidence required

In addition:

Skype For Business: we do not have this as none of us have Office 365. However, we have done a test within legal and Counsel for the LA sent a link that allowed us to access it through the SFB website and by laptop and personal mobile. [work mobile would not accept but Janice Spencer has IT looking at this for us and SW's] In the meantime, the link would be sent by email to LCC addresses so SW's could forward that to their private mobile and not have to provide that number.

Guidance from the President – previously circulated
Guidance from DFJ HHJ Clark –previously circulated. We know however that from next week she will not be in the building and so all hearings will be remote [telephone/SFB].

General principles I have agreed with HHJ Clark that these are as follows:

- what a priority hearing is – for instance urgent removal hearings; interim placements which are not secure or cannot be managed etc. and we are to liaise with all other parties on any other urgent ones that may arise [e.g. secure accommodation applications]. We will liaise with the Court to agree the appropriate service for the hearing.
- In terms of re-timetabling and other hearings, these types of application are made on a paperwork basis along with a consent order and if there are certain matters which cannot be agreed or judicial intervention is required then there will need to be succinct written submissions from the Parties on the areas in issue and then the remote hearing to be organised.
- We will continue to do what we can about bundles – paper ones no longer being delivered and so it will be emails attaching pdf with essential documents contained in it.