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# The Care Inquiry: information about participants

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Inquiry**

April 2013

## SESSION 1 – 14 November 2012

### Making sense of the evidence - changing trends in state intervention and in the care population, and their impact on permanence

**Presenters:** Janet Boddy, Bruce Clark, Ann Phoenix

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## **SESSION 2 – Learning from the lived experience – the views and experiences of children and young people, parents, kinship and foster carers, residential staff and adoptive parents**

### **Session 2A – 1 December 2012**

Children and young people with experience of adoption, fostering, kinship and residential care shared the views and experiences of focus groups that had been run in previous months for the Care Inquiry by the London Borough of Hounslow, The Who Cares? Trust, the Together Trust, and Torbay Council.

This was supplemented by other work by children and young people: one-to-one interviews with some young people who were unable to make the focus groups, and an online consultation. In total, over 100 children and young people gave their views to the Care Inquiry.

### **Session 2B – 10 December 2012**

An opportunity for adults close to children in care, and with experience of different ways of providing permanence for children and young people, to come together and discuss their views.

**Presenters:** Angela Rose, Krish Kandiah, Kingsley Peter, Joan Hunt, Beth Neil, Jim Wade, John Simmonds, Brigid Featherstone

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## SESSION 3 – 8 January 2013

### Building secure futures: identifying priorities for change

**Presenters:** Gillian Schofield, Kevani Kanda, Ashley Williamson

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Sue	WHITE	Professor of Social Work (Children and Families), University of Birmingham
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**Other contributions (through personal submissions and through the Parliamentary briefing on 12 December 2012, hosted by Baroness Hilary Armstrong):**

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