

## APPENDIX 3

### DfE Consultation Knowledge and Skills Statement for Achieving Permanence

#### Policy Context

1. The Government are committed to raising the quality of Social Work, Social Work Education and practice in order to improve the recruitment, retention and professional development of all Social Workers. Child and Family social work is complex and challenging and requires tenacious and highly skilled practitioners who are confident and able to make meaningful interventions that will protect and improve the outcomes of vulnerable children and families.

#### Background

2. Following government consultations the Department for Education published knowledge and skills statements for Approved Child and Family Social Work Practitioners, Practice Supervisors and Practice Leaders. The knowledge and skills statements describe the standards against which child and family social workers will be assessed and accredited for three new statuses:
  - Approved Child and Family Practitioner
  - Practice Supervisor
  - Practice Leader
3. The Department for Education has drafted a further statement for child and family social workers involved in permanence planning for children who are looked after or on the edge of care.
4. The consultation seeks the views on the content of the proposed knowledge and skills statement, which aims to promote depth of practice in planning and achieving permanence.

#### Consultation

5. The consultation has been completed and Gateshead's response as attached will be analysed and included in the DfE results.
6. The Cabinet Members for Children and Young People have been consulted.

#### Alternative Options

7. There are no alternative Options as this is for information only

#### Implications of Recommended Option

9. **Resources:**
  - a) **Financial Implications** – The Strategic Director, Corporate Resources confirms there are no financial implications as a result of this report.
  - b) **Human Resources Implications** – There are no direct implications arising from this report.

- c) **Property Implications** - There are no implications arising from this report.
10. **Risk Management Implication** - There are no implications arising from this report.
  11. **Equality and Diversity Implications** - There are no implications arising from this report
  12. **Crime and Disorder Implications** – There are no implications arising from this report
  13. **Health Implications** - There are no implications arising from this report
  14. **Sustainability Implications** - There are no implications arising from this report
  15. **Human Rights Implications** - There are no implications arising from this report
  16. **Area and Ward Implications** - There are no implications arising from this report