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Discussion to inform recommendations to Ministers on next steps.

Duration of forum will depend on uptake.

Quantification of demand

During –and informed by - pilot can attempt closer quantification of likely uptake

Meanwhile, revisit Shaw for relevant information to give best guess. Also check if any information available through SIRCC (Action – Annie)

Check international examples for information of ratio of uptake against numbers in care (Sarah)

Eligibility

Recommend survivors of institutional 'in care' abuse (whether sexual, physical or emotional harm). Use Shaw as reference for range of settings. Need to tease out issues about those in foster care (check with child care colleagues for a view on state policies throughout the period and implications for current policies.

Pilot purpose

To assess range of outcomes of forum for those who choose to apply. What if any variation in expectations for: proven cases; those who had compensation; others. To test cost implications. To assess level of pre/ during and post forum support. To assess support needs of organisations' representatives.

Recommended pilot

Check Sue's concerns on international evidence. Quarriers otherwise considered suitable as: records maintained; abuse proven; no inquiry held; CE willingness to participate.

Next steps – Annie to look at Quarriers Board constitution; available information of numbers in care. **No approach until Ministers have considered options.**

Forum members

Will need to focus on attributes – reputation and absolute no conflict of interest. Needs legal expertise, counselling/ care provision expertise and leadership. Some contenders: Tom Shaw; Anne Black, Marjory McKay or Kate Marshall; Lord Kinclaven? **Discuss with Sue.**

Name

Keep to A and A until SHRC and pilot activity complete but let Ministers know we are mindful of difficulty with existing label.

Record

Individual records will not be relevant to forum. Could publish anonymised public record of forum once complete.

Rationale has to be rights based – clear messages on this throughout comms.

Next steps.

- Agree within team and add available information
- Expand on paper and issue to justice and childcare colleagues (plus solicitors) as preparation for minute to Ministers
- outline implications for CIC and time bar, child care policy etc
- Jeannie to check on educational provision for LAC