

Seventeenth Progress Report of the Litigants in Person Reference Group

(Meeting 12th September 2023)

Introduction

At its inaugural meeting on 12th February 2019, it was agreed that a Progress Report summarising key decisions and activities of the Reference Group (RG) should be published following each meeting. This is the seventeenth of those reports and relates to the meeting held on 12th September 2023.

1. Sixteenth Progress Report

This was considered and approved. It is to be added to the RG's website (<https://www.litigant-voice.co.uk>)

2. Membership of the RG

Following the decision to increase the membership of the RG, new LiP members were welcomed to the meeting.

It was also noted that a number of the non-LiP members of the RG had not attended meetings for some time. It was agreed the Chair would contact the organisations concerned to ascertain if they wished to nominate someone else to accept the place on the RG.

3. External Engagement

Meeting with the LCJ

It was noted that the Chair and four other members of the RG would be meeting with the LCJ in the coming weeks. The purpose of the meeting is to update the LCJ on the work of the group and to raise a number of issues of particular concern to the RG. The Chair will report back on this at the next meeting of the RG which is due to take place on Tuesday 12th December.

It was also noted that an invitation would be issued for the Chair to attend the next meeting of the Shadow Justice Council to provide a further update on the work of the RG.

4. Future work planning

Given the increase in the range of issues that have arisen for consideration by the RG and the consequent increase in workload, it was agreed that a sub-group should be formed to identify priorities and develop a draft workplan on how those priorities can be taken forward. Volunteers to join the sub-group were invited and the composition of the sub-group will be confirmed at the next meeting.