



# Knowledge Exchange: Supporting special guardians and other kinship carers

Wednesday 27 January 2021  
10.00 - 17.30 (Online)



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# Programme:

<b>10.00 - 10.30</b>	<p><b>Presentation: Lucy Peake, chief executive, Grandparents Plus, Kelly Taylor, special guardian and project worker, Sharon McPherson, special guardian and Grandparents Plus advisory group member</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kinship care post-Covid: Where are we now, how do we build back better.</li><li>• The view from the front line with Kelly Taylor and Sharon McPherson.</li></ul>
<b>10.30 - 11.15</b>	<p><b>Keynote: Isabelle Trowler, Chief Social Worker for England (Children and Families)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supporting children in kinship care: Challenges and opportunities</li></ul>
<b>11.15 - 11.50</b>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<b>11.50 - 12.15</b>	<p><b>Launch: Special Guardian Support Guide - Krish Kandiah, Chair of the Adoption and Special Guardianship Leadership Board</b></p> <p>Commissioned by the Adoption and Special Guardianship Leadership Board, the guide identifies best practice in supporting special guardians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview - what is it, how you can use it in your role, and how you can contribute to sharing best practice.</li></ul>
<b>12.15 - 12.45</b>	<p><b>The legal landscape and post-order support: what social workers need to know - Nigel Priestley, Senior Partner of Ridley &amp; Hall Solicitors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nigel is a leading expert in kinship care, adoption breakdown and care proceedings.</li></ul>
<b>12.45 - 14.00</b>	<p><b>Lunch and networking</b> (Networking facilitated through Hopin platform)</p>
<b>14.00 - 14.30</b>	<p><b>Insight: Yvette Stanley, National Director for Social Care, Ofsted</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Insight and view from Ofsted – what the future could hold for local authorities on kinship care and special guardianship.</li></ul>
<b>14.30 - 15.00</b>	<p><b>Best practice in developing special guardianship support: Sarah Johal and Rhian Beynon from One Adoption West Yorkshire</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hear how One Adoption West Yorkshire is transforming their support for special guardians and their ambitious plans to introduce region-wide support and financial allowances.</li></ul> <p>(Aimed at Heads of Service, Directors and Assistant Directors of Children's Services).</p>
<b>15.00 - 15.30</b>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<b>15.30 - 16.15</b>	<p><b>Discussion - Adoption Support Fund: Vas Patel, Senior Policy Officer, Department for Education and Kate O'Brien, Director of Programmes and Business Development, Grandparents Plus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Impact of the Adoption Special Fund for special guardians and kinship carers during the pandemic.</li></ul>
<b>16.15 - 16.30</b>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<b>16.30 - 17.30</b>	<p><b>Fireside chat: Sir James Munby in conversation with Natalie Baldry, special guardian and Grandparents Plus trustee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Informal discussion and opportunity to ask Sir James Munby about his experience of reform and family justice.</li></ul>