

Good practice exchange – initial ideas

Options	Pros	Cons
1. A new series of conferences focused on high needs funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could be regionally delivered, encouraging participation • LAs could host 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would need to find funding • Question about how we would sustain • Additional draw on people's time
2. Develop the SEND network to also cover high needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network already exists • Regionally based with 9 LAs acting as 'leads'. • Most high needs pressure comes from SEND, so there is a logic to developing the network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could dilute the focus on SEND • Will need finance officers to join in – they might prefer their own network (see option 3 below)
3. Develop the network of finance officers to cover SEND/ exclusions in the context of managing high needs risk/ pressures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network already exists • Self-organised, sector led • Reasonably good coverage (circa 75% LAs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would need SEND officers to join in – they might prefer their own network (see option 2 above) • Not all LAs attend (est circa 25% do not)
4. Drive additional high needs good practice case examples to the LGA case examples on its website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could be done in conjunction with 1 or 2 • Case example element of LGA site already exists • Low cost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would be 'pull' rather than 'push' (although 1 and 2 would effectively to promote) • High needs case examples could be lost among wider unrelated case examples
5. Develop a new case example data-base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated for the purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would need funding • Would need sustaining • Would need awareness raising
6. Commission a new study to identify and report good practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potentially more systematic than options 1-4 • Could be done in conjunction with 1-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding needed • Would be a one-off

Good practice exchange – Suggested Approach and Agenda

Approach: Open Space

- Delegates propose topics
- Shape the agenda to those topics
- We can either:
 - Use break out areas/ spaces for people to opt to join
- Or
 - Time the agenda and run in plenary with table discussions
- Admin:
 - Devise template to capture case examples
 - Tables to complete
 - Gather at end, transcribe, share
- Resources
 - A suitable meeting space (could local authorities take turns to host?)
 - Projector and screen
 - Laptop (unless presenters can plug in their own)
 - Flipchart and pens

Agenda (potential timings)

10.00am – arrive

10.15 – Purpose of the event

10.25 – Introductions (either plenary or on tables if high numbers)

10.35 - Ground rules – contracting:

- e.g. work the problem, not the person/ organisation

10.45 Topic based discussions #1

11.15 Feedback in plenary

What did you learn that could work where you are?

Where there are lightbulb moments?

11.30 Topic based discussions #2

12.00 Feedback

12.15 Break

13.00 Topic based discussions #3

13.30 Feedback

13.45 Reflections

14.00 Close