**Assessed and Supported Year in Employment Programme (ASYE) – Donna Chapman**

**September 2015 Update - Changes ahead!**

**Rationale**

In November 2014 the Department for Education published the consultation response to the [**knowledge and skills statement for child and family social work*.***](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/knowledge-and-skills-for-child-and-family-social-work) The final statement describes what a child and family social worker should be able to do at the end of their first year in practice. Funding from the Department for Education for NQSWs registering for the ASYE now requires that employers use the knowledge and skills statement for child and family social work as the basis of their assessment.

Skills for Care have been awarded the contract from the Department for Education to support employers of child and family social workers completing their funded ASYE to work to the K and S statement. This has brought about a series of changes to the ASYE framework, internal and external verification and includes recommendations for new paperwork.

**Development of the Approved Child and Family Practitioner assessment and accreditation system**

The Government is exploring a new accredited status of the Approved Child and Family Practitioner in recognition of the need to have absolute public confidence in social workers who are working with our most at risk children.

Development has begun on an assessment and accreditation system and details will be shared when they are available.

It is a requirement of the Cohort three grant conditions that employers should be prepared to release a sample of NQSWs to be tested on the K and S, using the assessment and accreditation system which is being developed.

**So what’s changed - Paperwork**

* ASYE’s need to complete a **Self-Assessment** against the KSS.
* ASYE’s will complete a **Critical Reflection Log** - one continuous record reducing paperwork
* ASYE Assessors will complete **The record of support and progressive assessment.** This includes the Assessment and support meeting minutes, all reviews and the final report templates.
* PDP’s will be updated by the ASYE at or following each Review, to show progression.
* ASYE’s will produce **An Evidence Log** within the portfolio and cross reference this with the KSS, to assist Assessors in making judgements about competence.
* The final report will now focus on assessing against the **KSS with the PCF in mind**. In the interim I have revised the final report paperwork – to ensure this is carried out as per the DFE grant funding requirements. These will be emailed to you – and are available on the hdrive/professional\_development/children’s social care/ASYE 2015