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| **FAMILY JUSTICE QUALITY CIRCLE****GROUND RULES** |
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1. At the heart of the Family Justice Quality Circle is the aim of promoting a culture of respect. This applies to any meetings we organise.
2. We would ask that recordings are not made of events and that photographs are not taken. We believe this encourages a more relaxed discussion. A note is usually distributed at some point later. The purpose of the meetings is to encourage a sharing of ideas and perspectives.
3. It is an integral part of the “culture of respect” that we seek to engender that we chose to exclude all interventions that are discriminatory about groups of people by reference to (for example) their race, religion or sexuality.
4. Attendance is in a personal capacity and (of course), doesn’t imply that anyone is speaking on behalf of any organisation they work for or are associated with.
5. Reporting restrictions may prevent the identification of some attendees. It is necessary to respect the law regarding the confidentiality of family proceedings as well as being respectful of the privacy of others). We ask that anyone wishing to discuss a case, in which they have been involved, should do so with regard to both the feelings of all involved and bearing in mind the law about protecting children involved in court cases.
6. We want people to live tweet and write about our events. To ensure this is possible, it is important that the privacy of individuals is maintained and, in particular, the anonymity of children is respected. This may mean – in appropriate circumstances – using pseudonyms and avoiding naming children who are the subject of proceedings or allowing them to be identified and there may be parts of meetings where we will ask you not to tweet.
7. If Quality Circle invites parents or young people who have experienced care proceedings locally to participate in a full meeting, they will inform the Designated Family Judge in advance, so any trial Judge has advanced notice.