

Adult Safeguarding Champion's (ASC) Network Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

1.1. The ASC Network offers a safe space for peers (Champion / Deputy) to share information, discuss challenges and explore solutions to implementing their role in practice. This network is open to any social care organisation whereby the ASC role is required, and includes all sectors namely statutory, voluntary and independent.

2. Composition & Frequency

2.1. The ASC Network consists of:

- ARC NI
- NI Adult Safeguarding Partnership
- ASC and/or Deputy ASC within cross-sector service providers

2.2 The ASC Network will meet four times a year, face to face, with each meeting lasting 2.5 hours.

3. Responsibilities

ARC NI is responsible for:

- 3.1. Providing the Secretariat, ensuring papers are circulated electronically at least five working days before each meeting
- 3.2 Chairing the meeting(s) and offering support on an ongoing basis through communication/information, including managing the progression actions agreed
- 3.3 Developing, maintaining and disseminating within the network, a database consisting of participating organisations and their nominated ASC/Deputy
- 3.4 Report regularly to NIASP on the work of the ASC Network

HSCB is responsible for:

- 3.5 Co-chairing the meeting
- 3.6 Providing information/updates including highlighting regional progress
- 3.7 Responding to concerns/queries the network raises, including raising through NIASP where appropriate to do so

ASC/Deputy participants are responsible for:

- 3.8 Contributing to the network discussions and sharing tools/knowledge and information that impact on approaches to best practice
- 3.9 Representing the work of the ASC Network, and disseminating information internally within their organisations and externally where appropriate to do so

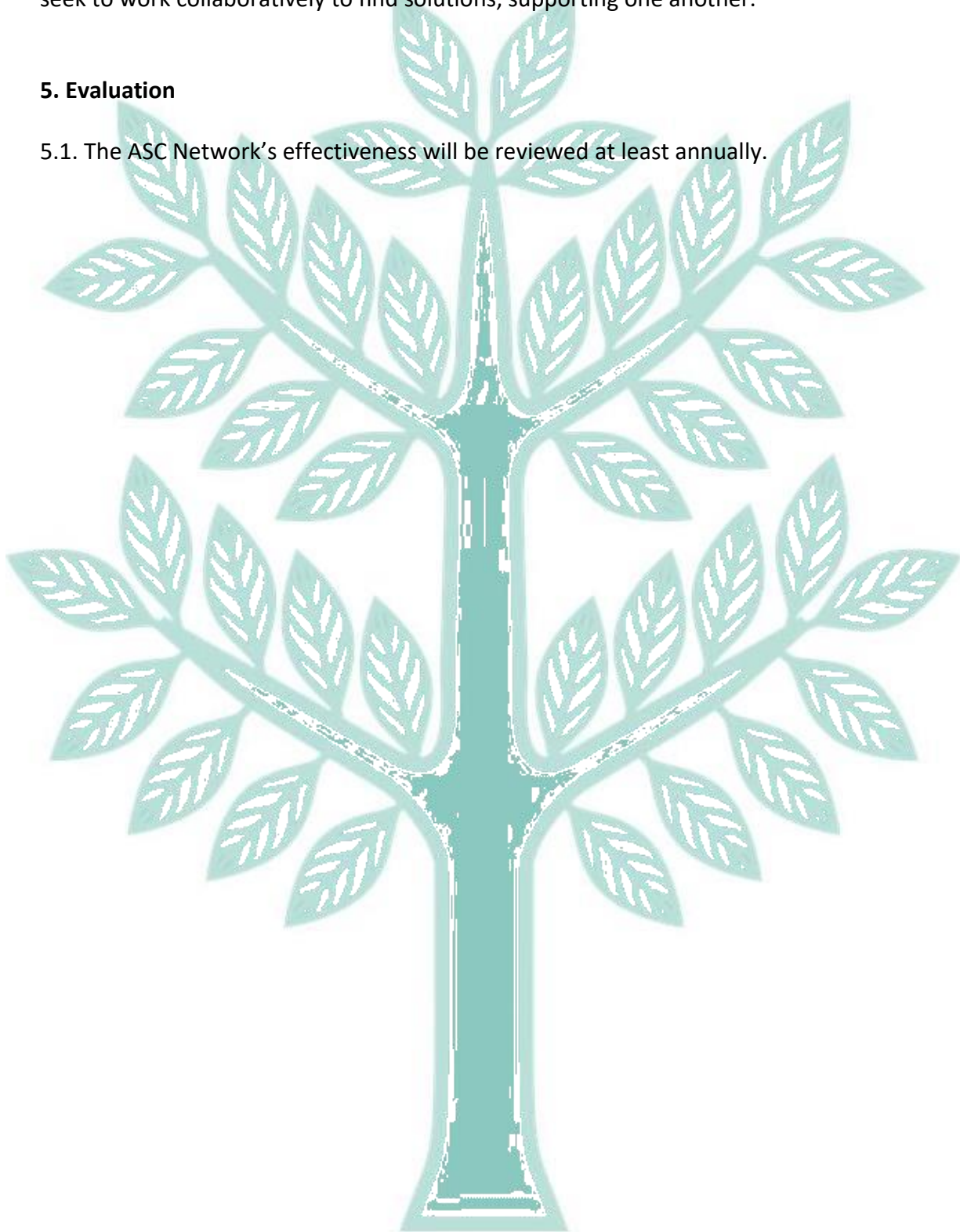
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4. Working Together Statement

The ASC Network will be a safe and confidential environment to share information, in an appropriate way. Participants will respect each other's contributions, proactively listen and seek to work collaboratively to find solutions, supporting one another.

5. Evaluation

5.1. The ASC Network's effectiveness will be reviewed at least annually.



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