

Permanently Progressing Project Update

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Our research is progressing very well. We have now completed data collection for the 'Policy and Decision Making Study' and we want to express our thanks to all the many people who took part in focus groups and interviews. Thanks for generously giving your time to help us explore the issues that influence the decisions that have to be made about young children who are removed from home at such a young age. We have also had a brilliant response to the first social work survey in the 'Outcomes Study' so thanks very much also to all the social workers who took the time to complete our online questionnaire. We know that you have given that time because you are committed to research that can inform policy and practice. Soon we will be gathering data from foster carers and adopters and in due course we will be starting the 'Qualitative Study' that will also gather views from children. In the meantime we are also analysing the anonymised statistical data collected for 'The Pathways Study'. So a busy time, but already we can see some very interesting themes emerging and we look forward to sharing our findings in due course.