

CONCEPT NOTE

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING AND EXCHANGE SESSIONS

No single Barnahus or person has all the information – or all the questions that need we need to ask.

WHAT?

The Professional networking and exchange sessions (PNE) are an opportunity to raise questions and concerns that have an impact on the daily work in Barnahus and to get practical input from practitioners in similar positions who have encountered a similar situation and may have come to a practical solution.

A PNE will cover different topics, relevant to the organisation and set up of Barnahus, national contexts, including law, the four rooms of the Barnahus, multidisciplinary and interagency collaboration and case management.

WHO?

The Professional networking and exchange sessions (PNE) gather professionals from Barnahus, similar services and other relevant actors to collectively help each other to share knowledge and address concerns related to specific issue that practitioners encounter in their work.

The sessions are moderated by one of the professionals, an expert on the topic or a representative from the network secretariat.

HOW?

The networking and exchange sessions can take different forms, depending on the wishes of the professional(s) who request(s) the session.

ASK THE AUDIENCE

PREPARATION: The moderator circulates 2-3 keynote questions submitted by “keynote” professionals to the participants ahead of the meeting.

Written online consultation, e.g. a SurveyMonkey, can take place either before or as a result of a PNE.

EXCHANGE: The “keynote” professionals hold a short presentation about their area of concern and pose their questions to the audience.

Each participant who believes that they have a practical suggestion or information that can help to answer the question or find a practical solution, raises their hand and is given the floor to contribute.

The chat room in the platform is open for reflections on similar situations, related questions and/or follow up questions, suggestions for reading, tools and reference to research.

This format can be concluded with a short tour de table, where other participants can raise related questions.

TOUR DE TABLE

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Written online consultation, e.g. a SurveyMonkey, can take place either before or as a result of a PNE.

EXCHANGE: Professionals gather in an online meeting to take turns to ask one question related to their day-to-day work.

All the participants will be given the opportunity to ask at least one question.

The group is given a couple of minutes, either over a break or in breakout rooms, to think through what experience or resources they have that might be useful to answer the question or address the concern.

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DOCUMENTATION

It is very important to ensure that the participants feel comfortable in the session and that sensitive questions and answers can be shared.

At the beginning of the meeting, the participants will decide if they want it to be a private session or if the session can be recorded. If the session is recorded, it is up to the participants to take a final decision at the end of the meeting, if the recording should be kept private or if it can be shared. It is enough that one participant wishes to keep the recording private for it to be deleted.

FOLLOW-UP

A PNE can result in an in-depth webinar with an expert or a publication on a specific matter if the relevant resources and expertise are available.