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Hi Katie and Colleagues,

Thanks for convening a great meeting on Thursday. It was really useful to hear from so many organisations and councillors and find out what others are doing during this difficult time.

I've just received the following message from our Project Coordinator around keeping connected with our 'Bonding with Baby' group participants.

*It's become apparent that the families who are able to join our Zoom sessions are the families who live in more secure housing, who have decent devices and internet connection. For the Zoom sessions that have taken place so far, not all of the families who initially said that would like to join actually turned up on the day - the thing these families have in common is that they are all families who are less well off or live in temporary accommodation, and while not all of them have said that they are struggling with data or wifi, we feel that for many of those families, this could be the issue. We wondered if there was a way we could help referred families in hostels with this problem?*

I know that the issue of internet connections and the availability of devices came up at the Hackney Marsh Neighbourhood meeting and would be grateful if you could keep us apprised of any solutions being discussed or planned or ways that we can participate and tap into those solutions on behalf of our families (mainly mums and babies). Please do let us know.

Meanwhile we will collect feedback from families to find out more about the problems they are facing.

Best wishes and Stay Safe!

Claire Kelly  
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