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National Independent
Safeguarding Board Wales

National Independent Safeguarding Board Meeting NISB

Meeting Minutes

Date: 8th April 2026 **Time:** 09.30am Teams meeting

Attendees:

- Tony Young (NISB Chair)
- Lin Slater (NISB Vice Chair)
- Desmond Mannion (Board Member)
- Artie Meakin (Board Member)
- Dave Street (Board Member)
- John Williams (Board Member)
- Emma Logan (NISB Secretariat)

1. Welcome and Apologies: The meeting commenced with greetings and confirmation of attendance.

2. Conflict of Interest Declarations: The Board declared no conflicts of interest.

3. Minutes & Actions of Previous Meeting: The minutes from the previous meeting were recirculated and a request was made to notify the secretariat of approval as a true record. Actions from the previous meeting were discussed and acknowledged.

4. CPR Thematic Update -

The CPR thematic report is nearing finalisation, with amendments underway. The report has been commended for its emphasis on lived experience and well-structured recommendations. Welsh translation is required before public website publication, and arrangements are in place to streamline future translations. Dissemination to the Safeguarding community may occur prior to translation, but public release must be bilingual. Considerations regarding the election period were raised, with agreement to seek further guidance from government. Quality and cost control of translation was discussed, with a preference for board-managed translation to maintain standards and consistency.

5. NISB Communications Strategy & Website: The board was updated on website migration difficulties, which are being resolved without extra costs. Email accounts have been upgraded for improved security. Stakeholder interviews for the communications strategy continue, with completion targeted by the end of April and discussion planned at the next away day. Website redesign will follow migration, informed by stakeholder input.

6. Safeguarding Week – Conference:

The board discussed plans for the November Safeguarding Conference, agreeing to focus on adults and themes such as lived experience and neglect. Collaboration with academic partners and media support was considered important. It was decided that a theme and outline specification should be finalised by month-end to ensure timely delivery.

8. Budget Update : All website and licence payments for the year have been completed, resulting in available funds for potential improvements. The board is currently operating under a provisional budget of £200,000, with formal confirmation expected once ministerial appointments are made.

9. Recruitment Update : The board secretariat provided an update on membership transitions, noting departures and new appointments occurring over the coming months. Proactive plans have been established to initiate recruitment early for future vacancies, ensuring continued board continuity.

11. Regional Board and Stakeholder Update :

The regional boards reported on recent CPR cases, funding challenges, and new appointments. Stakeholder engagement with academic, government, and health groups was discussed, stressing the need for stronger collaboration and improved data sharing. Efforts are ongoing in one RSB area to seek funding to establish a new exploitation lead role.

There is continued engagement and agreement with partners in aligning national safeguarding data with safeguarding metrics available in partner agencies.

12. Any Other Business (AOB)

Five Nations Adult Safeguarding Presentation and Legislative Comparisons:

Insights from the Five Nations group highlighted differences in adult safeguarding legislation and persistent gaps in implementation. The board discussed the possible future need for a review of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2015 due to ongoing challenges, despite strong legislative ambition in Wales. Notable comparisons were made with Northern Ireland suggesting a potential invitation to share practice experiences at a future conference. Board discussion also emphasised the importance

of achieving parity between child and adult safeguarding, encouraging broader alliances and greater attention to vulnerable adults, including those with disabilities.

Adult Safeguarding: medical examination

Board members attended a recent meeting hosted by Public Health Wales, where discussion focused on the absence of a national forensic medical examination scheme for adults in Wales. At this round table event, participants emphasised the necessity for board engagement and considered the value of launching pilot projects. Ultimately, the meeting concluded with a call to establish a national scheme, focusing efforts on securing funding for a pilot and identifying suitable collaborators to advance the initiative. Although the board clarified it could not provide direct funding, members pledged ongoing support through continued stakeholder engagement and proposed inviting subject matter experts to share insights at future meetings. To ensure the proposal receives appropriate attention, it was recommended that the issue be raised with the new Strengthening Safeguarding and Health oversight group, integrating the project within the NHS executive structure.

Meeting Close

Action

Create an internal work-plan tracking style and simplify it for ongoing use for the board **DM & EL**

Update the NISB Induction document with recommended changes
EL

Clarify the timescale for availability of the CPR thematic report **TY**.