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National Independent
Safeguarding Board Wales

National Independent Safeguarding Board Meeting NISB

Meeting Minutes

Date: 17 November 2025 **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)
- Emma Logan (NISB Secretariat)

Development Day – Online

1. Welcome and Introductions

- The Chair Welcomed everyone to the Meeting, and explained that the Face to Face Meeting was cancelled due to adverse weather and consequently Trains being Cancelled, and in future it was recommended that the Board would meet in Wrexham.
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2. Review of Development Programme and Format

- The planned Development Day programme was reviewed.
- It was agreed that the content was too valuable to deliver solely online and would be better suited to an in-person session.
- The group decided to reschedule the main visioning and interactive exercises for a future date, with a preference for a face-to-face format.

3. Business Items

- Essential business items were addressed online.
- The group agreed to proceed with awarding a commission for Communication Strategy & Plan to an external party.

4. Infographic Resource Accessibility

- Concerns were raised about the accessibility of a key infographic resource on the organisation's website.
- The interactive version was missing after a website migration, with only a non-interactive PDF currently available.
- Actions were agreed to locate the original file and work with relevant staff to restore access.

5. Scheduling Future Meetings

- The group reviewed potential dates for rescheduling the Development Day, considering participants' availability and existing commitments.
- Several dates in late November and December were discussed, with the 28th of November identified as a possible option, subject to confirmation from all key participants.
- January dates were also considered, with a preference for early in the new year if November was not feasible.
- The need to select a suitable venue, potentially in Wrexham, was discussed.

6. Conference Reflections and Feedback

- Reflections on a recent conference were shared, highlighting the success of the afternoon session and the keynote speaker.
- The importance of capturing feedback and next steps from the event was emphasised, including retrieving input from collaborative tools used during the conference.
- The potential for a roundtable event to foster mutual learning across regions was discussed.

7. Data, Lived Experience, and Narrative

- The group discussed the challenge of capturing and presenting lived experience alongside quantitative data in safeguarding work.
- Suggestions included systematically gathering information about key relationships in young people's lives and integrating this into reporting.
- The need for a compelling narrative that combines data and lived experience for policy and decision-makers was highlighted.

8. Annual Report and Recommendations

- Progress on the annual report was reviewed, with most material ready for final editing.
- Recommendations to be included were discussed, particularly around data collection, analysis, and the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements.
- It was agreed to consult with relevant stakeholders before finalising recommendations, especially those directed at government.

9. Governance and Board Effectiveness

- The meeting included a detailed discussion on governance arrangements, board membership, term of office, and the board's independence.
- The need for clear accountability, structured feedback from government, and adequate resources to fulfil the board's remit was emphasised.
- The group considered the potential for a national safeguarding authority and the importance of national leadership and strategic direction.

10. Actions and Next Steps

- Actions were assigned to follow up on resource accessibility, send out key documents, and confirm meeting dates and venues.
- It was agreed to prepare for upcoming meetings with government officials and to clarify the board's position on key governance issues.
- The need to meet with the Children's Commissioner and other stakeholders was noted.

11. Any Other Business

- Additional topics included logistical arrangements for future meetings, feedback from recent events, and the importance of maintaining momentum on key initiatives.
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