

The Oversight Board

Meeting TWENTY-NINE

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Attendees:

David Anderson	Oversight Board - Chair
Jemma Kerr	Oversight Board Member - Deputy Chair
Barry Black	Oversight Board Member
Emma Brennan	Oversight Board Member
Jasmin Kasaya-Pilling	Oversight Board Member
Jennifer Rodgers	Oversight Board Member
Lisa Mason	Oversight Board Member
Lorraine Moore	Oversight Board Member
Lucy Smith	Oversight Board Member
Oisin King	Oversight Board Member
Ryan McShane	Oversight Board Member
Stephen Ramsay	Oversight Board Member

Apologies:

Andrea Nelson	Oversight Board Member
Kezia Dugdale	Oversight Board Member

In attendance from The Promise Scotland:

Careen Rennie	Design and Improvement Lead
Claire Burns	Head of Improvement
Fraser McKinlay	Chief Executive
Gillian Graham	Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator
Morag Burnett	Head of Governance & Strategy

Minute of Meeting:

1.	Welcome and introductions; declarations of interest The Chair welcomed all members present. The primary purpose of Meeting TWENTY-NINE is to review Report FOUR draft text and collectively agree tone and content. Apologies were received from Kezia Dugdale and Andrea Nelson. The Chair introduced Alan Roden to the new members of the Oversight Board. Alan has previously supported the writing of reports, refining content to ensure it is presented in a clear and consistent voice and resonates with its intended audience. Taliah Drayak has stepped down from the Oversight Board. Members expressed thanks to Taliah for her valuable contribution, particularly in representing rural Scotland. The Board wishes her well for the future and hopes that she will remain in touch. There were no declarations of interest.
2.	Minutes and Actions from Meeting TWENTY-EIGHT The minutes of Meeting TWENTY-EIGHT were reviewed and approved page by page. All actions from that meeting were confirmed as either complete or in progress.
3	Chair Update The Chair provided an update on recent activity and engagement: • The Children (Care, Care Experience and Service Planning) (Scotland) Bill has now passed; focus moves to implementation and delivering meaningful change. It was noted that a session with The Promise Scotland is scheduled to discuss the Bill • Ongoing engagement with Scottish Government following correspondence from the Permanent Secretary and Director General; an open channel is in place to raise concerns. • An action from the last meeting to write to CELCIS and meet with Professor Norrie is in progress. • Engagement with Social Work Scotland has resulted in agreement to undertake Local Authority focus groups; feedback is also being gathered in response to submitted questions. • Meeting with the Chief Social Work Officer rescheduled to June. • Initial work has begun to progress discussions to fund a longitudinal study. The chair will update if there is anything concrete to share members agreed that the

	study would be a missed opportunity for the promise and it would provide evidence for The Oversight Board to report on for the next four years. • An update is expected on the development of a national strategy to support kinship carers. • Forthcoming meetings with the Keeping the Promise Scottish Government team and the Director for Children and Families; updates to follow.
4.	Report FOUR Members provided brief updates and discussed key points before splitting into working groups. Notes from the group work will be circulated shortly after the meeting to support agreed actions and inform report writing. It was noted that NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) have come together to form a single national organisation – named Public Services Delivery Scotland and was formally launched on the 1st April 2026. A decision is still to be made on whether this should be mentioned in the Report.
5.	Next Steps Actions were split into groups and individuals and will follow up with their groups by the deadlines. All the notes from the day will be written up and sent out.