

The Oversight Board

Meeting TWENTY-SEVEN

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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
Kezia Dugdale	Oversight Board Member
Lisa Mason	Oversight Board Member
Lorraine Moore	Oversight Board Member
Andrea Nelson	Oversight Board Member
Lucy Smith	Oversight Board Member
Oisin King	Oversight Board Member
Ruth Glassborow	Oversight Board Member

Apologies:

Donna McLeod	Oversight Board Member
Jasmin Kasaya Pilling	Oversight Board Member
Jennifer Rodgers	Oversight Board Member
Taliah Drayak	Oversight Board Member
Ryan McShane	Oversight Board Member
Stephen Ramsay	Oversight Board Member

In attendance from The Promise Scotland:

Fraser McKinlay	Chief Executive
Gillian Graham	Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator
Morag Burnett	Head of Governance & Strategy

Minute of Meeting:

1.	<p>Welcome and introductions; declarations of interest</p> <p>The Deputy Chair welcomed all members present. The primary purpose of Meeting TWENTY-SEVEN was to begin work on the identified deep-dive areas.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Jasmin Kasaya Pilling, Donna McLeod, Jennifer Rodgers, Ryan McShane and Stephen Ramsay.</p> <p>Kelly Parry has officially stepped down from the Oversight Board. Kelly brought vast knowledge and experience to the Board from a local authority perspective, and the Board is grateful for her contribution to Report THREE.</p> <p>Ruth Glassborow has come to the end of her tenure and was an original member from the Board's inception. Ruth helped to navigate and shape the Oversight Board into what it is today and provided invaluable leadership throughout the reports, as well as guidance to new members, prior to stepping down.</p> <p>The agenda was amended to allow members time to watch and reflect on the Public Audit Committee meeting attended by the Chair. Item 3 on the agenda - Reflections on the unaccompanied children panel discussion from Meeting TWENTY-SIX will be rescheduled.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes and Actions from Meeting TWENTY-SIX</p> <p>The minutes of Meeting TWENTY-SIX were reviewed and approved page by page. All actions from that meeting were confirmed as either completed or in progress.</p>
3.	<p>Report FOUR deep dive session</p> <p>The members agreed to progress deep dives and split into working groups to define roles and next steps. The agreed groups are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editorial • Voice of Care Experience • Looked After at Home

	<p>Members agreed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of each working group • Assigned roles within each group <p>Notes to be sent to secretariat and posted on Teams/Sharepoint channel.</p> <p>Each group agreed to meet between now and the 30th January online. The February and April full Board meetings will be dedicated to Report FOUR.</p> <p>The Promise Scotland will deliver a session on The Story of Progress, alongside an interactive session on the Route Maps, specifically for the Voice of Care Experience working group.</p> <p>Each group will identify organisations to engage with to explore gaps in provision and will arrange meetings with these organisations in the New Year.</p> <p>It was noted the Care Inspectorate are currently working on a <u>joint inspection of services for children and young people subject to compulsory supervision orders living at home with their parents</u></p> <p>A new member of staff from The Promise Scotland will be introduced in the New Year to provide support with data and information.</p>
3	<p>Q&A with Natalie Don-Innes, Minister for Children, Young People and the promise.</p> <p>The Minister was invited to the Oversight Board to meet the new members of the board and to engage in an unminuted reflective session with the members.</p>
6.	<p>Forward Plan</p> <p>A Parliamentary Business Meeting has been scheduled at the Scottish Parliament on 26 February, hosted by Roz McCall MSP. The meeting will mark the annual anniversary of <i>the promise</i> and aim to raise its profile ahead of the Scottish Parliamentary election in May.</p> <p>A small planning group will be established to develop the agenda and supporting briefings. The briefings will be signed off by the full Oversight Board, circulated to MSPs at the Business Meeting, and published on the website.</p>
7.	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update was given on a meeting with Kirsty McNeil, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland. Follow-up actions relating to private providers, particularly those that are English-based organisations, will be discussed at a further date.