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National Independent
Safeguarding Board Wales

National Independent Safeguarding Board Meeting NISB

Meeting Minutes

Date: 8th October 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)
- Caldey Island Safeguarding Committee, External Attendee
- Taryn Stephens (Welsh Government)

Agenda Items and Detailed Summary:

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** The Chair opened the meeting and noted apologies from members unable to attend.
2. **Conflict of Interest Declarations:** The Board discussed the annual and ongoing process for declaring conflicts of interest. Members were reminded of their responsibilities, and it was agreed to formalize the protocol and share it with the Welsh Government.
3. **Minutes & Actions of Previous Meeting:** The minutes from the previous meeting were approved, with the acknowledgment that the last meeting was informal due to low attendance.

4. **Caldey Island Safeguarding Committee External Guest:**

The representative highlighted historic abuse reviews and faith-based safeguarding challenges, requesting Board support for a national forum. The Board agreed to give this proper consideration.

5. **Taryn Stephens, Welsh Government:** Updates were provided and considered. This included key publications, a WG planned safeguarding governance review, ongoing national practice reviews and matters regarding NISB membership. A written update on the implementation of recommendations made for Welsh Government made by the IICSA will be provided by the month-end.

6. **NISB Work Programme:**

- a. *Allocation of Leads:* The Board discussed mapping work areas and assigning leads, with support member. Plan to revise following change in membership and circulate with internal work plan.
 - b. *Website Update & Comms Strategy:* The communication leads are updating the website management contract and preparing a tender for a new communications strategy.
 - c. *Thematic Review CPR Update:* The focus remains on the lived experience of service users and how their voices are heard. Preliminary findings will be shared at the NISB conference in November.
 - d. *Positions of Trust Consultation/Event:* A workshop is scheduled. NISB attendance planned.
 - e. *APSO (Wales) and Power of Entry (England):* This area of practice is currently under consideration in England. NISB attendance (DS) will support to contribute to the discussion and enable learning from Wales.
 - f. *Safeguarding Week:* Conference planning is underway, with speakers and themes confirmed and fees for external speakers approved. Final agenda to be agreed and disseminated.
6. **Budget Update:** The Secretariat presented the current budget, noting the allocation for work planned and the additional costs for the website and conference speakers.
7. **Annual Report:** The Chair will draft the annual report, incorporating feedback and key themes, with a draft targeted for circulation in October.
8. **Regional Board Updates:** Issues were considered arising from Cardiff & Vale and Cwm Taf boards, including areas of demand and capacity. The use of risk

registers was considered helpful. The NISB Chair (TY) will attend the North Wales Safeguarding board, until a Welsh Speaking NISB Member is recruited.

10. **Stakeholder Updates:** The Board received updates and discussed the ongoing work of the Procedures Board, Anti-Slavery Forum, and the Five Nations group.
11. **NISB Board Meeting Dates & Future Dates:** The Board agreed to hold an away day on November 17 (venue TBC) and a short meeting on November 11, with future meetings remaining on Wednesdays.
11. **Any Other Business:** The Chair will address a complaint received by NISB.
12. The meeting was adjourned, and the next meetings were scheduled for November 11 and 17.