

The Promise Oversight Board Meeting ONE -Minute

Thursday 28th January 2021



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Attendees:

Fiona Duncan	Oversight Board Chair
Anna Fowlie	Oversight Board Member
Ashley Cameron	Oversight Board Member
Carrie McLaughlan	Oversight Board Member
David Anderson	Oversight Board Member
Euan Currie	Oversight Board Member
Ewan Aitken	Oversight Board Member
Dr Helen Whincup	Oversight Board Member
Iain MacRitchie	Oversight Board Member
Jasmin-Kasaya Pilling	Oversight Board Member
Jemma Kerr	Oversight Board Member
Kezia Dugdale	Oversight Board Member
Maria McGill	Oversight Board Member
Prof Morag Treanor	Oversight Board Member
Neil Squires	Oversight Board Member
Dr Patricia Watts	Oversight Board Member
Ruth Glassborow	Oversight Board Member
Ryan McCuaig	Oversight Board Member
Sharon McGhee	Oversight Board Member
Taliah Drayak	Oversight Board Member
Tracey McFall	Oversight Board Member

In attendance from The Promise:

Fi McFarlane	Head of Governance and Strategy
Mhairi Glen	Finance and Admin Officer
Heather Belmonte	Executive Support to the Chair (minute)
Claire Stuart	Head of Evidence and Policy

Apologies:

None	
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Minute of Meeting:

<p>9.30-10.30</p>	<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Fiona welcomed and thanked everyone for taking on the task of membership of the Oversight Board. She set out the agenda and noted that next Friday (5 February 2021) marks one year since the launch of the Independent Care Review's conclusions. ♥ Each member gave a short introduction to themselves and why they were here. Key recurring themes of interest were education, poverty, youth justice, mental health and the need for change across the board throughout Scotland. All expressed enthusiasm and commitment to #KeepThePromise. ♥ Fiona noted that the care community have been trailblazers, setting the tone for the Independent Care Review in terms of process and governance, and always ensuring the care experienced community was at the forefront. The Promise Scotland will follow that approach.
<p>10:30 – 11:00</p>	<p>2. Role and Responsibility of the Oversight Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ A presentation was given on the role and responsibility of the Oversight Board followed by a discussion on the importance of its reporting on progress to the care community and to Parliament. ♥ The Board discussed the need to make sure that those with responsibility fully implement the Independent Care Review conclusions. 'Collaborative implementation' was discussed as this reflects the 'whole system', requires both an understanding of expectations as well as an understanding of how organisations will be held to account. It provides clarity around the role of The Promise Oversight Board and The Promise Scotland. Fiona spoke briefly about the work to create the new entity (The Promise Scotland) whilst the team is temporarily incubated with Scottish Government, noting the importance of becoming an independent organisation. ♥ The Board discussed how The Independent Care Review's conclusions were received and how this engendered a positivity for change.
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3. The Plan and the Change Programme

11:15 – 11:45

- ♥ There was a short presentation on the developing Plan 21-24 and Change programme. As per [the plan](#), the Promise will devise three sequential 3-year Plans backed up by Change Programmes with an understanding of national / local and governance, plus a data monitoring and evaluation model that measures what matters to children, young people and families. This is intended to make sure that The Promise Scotland will have made itself obsolete by 2030.
- ♥ Plan 21-24 will set out what needs to be done in that period, grounded in the Independent Care Review's 80+ calls to action, as detailed in '[the promise](#)'. The Change Programme will set out how, by who, where and when. The Promise Scotland team will provide organisations with tools and support to change.
- ♥ Plan 21-24 will be static, with progress monitored against the Change Programme. The Oversight Board will use this to determine whether Scotland is doing enough, fast enough and if the change is good enough to #KeepThePromise.
- ♥ To support development of Plan 21-24, The Oversight Board was asked to feedback what they would like to see in Plan 21-24. Approving Plan 21-24 will be the main agenda item for the March meeting, ready for its publication the week following the Board's review and comment.
- ♥ The Board had a broad discussion on the developing Plan 21-24, with an acknowledgement that, as per the Independent Care Review's report [the rules](#), the legislative landscape is cluttered and complex, noting the importance of a coherent introduction of primary legislation.
- ♥ The importance of building networks was discussed. Alongside holding to account, The Promise must continue to win hearts and minds, so that organisations want to be part of change. The Board agreed there is a huge amount of goodwill and The Promise Scotland will ask organisations to appoint Promise keepers and champions.
- ♥ The Board agreed that, as the Independent Care Review did, The Promise Scotland must track other Scottish Government reviews / inquiries / commissions to avoid fragmentation and multiple consultations about the same thing, and where possible align thinking to avoid conflict.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">It was noted that the principal role of the Oversight Board is to make sure all of conclusions of the Independent Care Review are fulfilled, with Plan 21-24 determining the sequencing of change.There was discussion about the developing Promise Design School, and children's Pinky Promise Design School, as key ways of ensuring care experienced people are at the centre of service design and development.
11:45 – 12:00	<p>4. Governance Mapping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fi presented the ongoing work to map the large number of national and local boards, networks, committees across the 'care system' (ref. 'scaffolding' foundation in 'the promise').The Board discussed The Promise Scotland representation on groups, noting it was important that the strategic purpose of the groups was clear. Board members may wish to be represented on some of the groups and challenge the existence of others.
12:00 12:15	<p>5. What next for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Board discussed the work programme for 2021, noting that the first critical piece item was to contribute, comment on, feedback and ratify Plan 21-24.
12:15 – 12:30	<p>6. Final thoughts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Board discussed The Promise Scotland plans for announcing their appointment, ensuring that Board members were, after attending the first meeting and aware of their role and responsibility, willing to proceed and have their appointment publicised.