

July 2025 Public Summary

BPC Board Meeting 18 July 2025

Conducted as a hybrid meeting.

Trustees present

Sally Beeken (SB)

João Botas (JBo) *via Zoom*

Alan Colam (AC) *via Zoom*

Angela Greatley (AG)

Lee Smith (LS)

Nikky Sternhell (NS) *via Zoom*

Staff present

Camilla Bradshaw (CB) *via Zoom*

Joanne Brooks (JB)

Patrick Cusworth (PC) *via Zoom*

Niamh Downes (ND)

Laura Dunn (LD)

Harry Johnson (HJ)

Greg Ross-Sampson (GRS)

Guest(s) present

Asim Butt (AB) *via Zoom*

Ben Lloyd (BL) *via Zoom*

Apologies

Sharon Johal (SJ)

Frances Roper (FR)

Richard Serlin (RS)

1. Chair's welcome and introduction

LS welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves for the benefit of the guests.

2. Apologies for absence

SJ, FR and RS sent their apologies in advance of the meeting.

3. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Declaration of Trustees' interests

No new declaration of interests were made at this point.

5. Minutes of May 2025 meeting and Public Summary

The May minutes and May public summary were agreed as accurate and approved, with some minor changes.

6. Matters arising

Matters arising from the previous meeting were discussed.

7. Chair's report

The Board discussed the Chair's report.

8. Chief Executive's report

The Board discussed the Chief Executive's report.

11. Communications strategy 2025 – 2028

The 2025-2028 communications strategy was approved by the Board.

12. Policy and public affairs update

The Board discussed the policy and public affairs update.

13. Trainee membership and conference

The Board discussed the trainee membership and conference.

14. BPC's approach to risk

The Board discussed the BPC's approach to risk.

15. Fields on the public Register

The Board discussed the fields on the public Register.

16. BPC position on title of psychoanalyst

The Board discussed the BPC's position on the title of psychoanalyst.

17. Data protection policy

The Board discussed the BPC's data protection policy.

18. Ratification of new members of Scholars' Network

The Board approved the proposed new members.

20. BPC involvement in Labour party conference

The Board discussed the BPC's involvement in the Labour Party Conference.

22. PSA reaccreditation 2025

The Board discussed the 2025 PSA reaccreditation of the BPC.

23. Penetration testing report (cyber security)

The Board discussed the penetration testing report on the BPC's cyber security.

24. Registration Committee update

An update was given on the Registration Committee by the Registrar.

25. Ethics Committee update

An update was given on the Ethics Committee by GRS.

26. Professional Standards Committee update

An update was given on the Professional Standards Committee by LD.

27. Sexual and gender diversity Committee update

An update was given on the Sexual and Gender Diversity Committee by JBo.

28. Partnership of Counselling and Psychotherapy Bodies (PCPB)

An update was given on the PCPB by GRS.

29. Media messages

The Board discussed the BPC's media messages.

31. Sponsorship of Freud Museum courses

The Board discussed the sponsorship of Freud Museum courses.

32. 2025 organisation planner

The Board noted the updated organisation planner.

33. Any other business

Trustees discussed a confidential matter, without BPC staff or guests present.

34. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting is the full day strategy day on Saturday 13 September 2025.