

October 2025 Public Summary

BPC Board Meeting 17 October 2025

Conducted as a hybrid meeting.

Trustees present

Sally Beeken (SB) *via Zoom*

João Botas (JBo) *via Zoom*

Asim Butt (AB) *via Zoom*

Alan Colam (AC) *via Zoom*

Angela Greatley (AG)

Richard Serlin (RS)

Lee Smith (LS) *via Zoom*

Nikky Sternhell (NS) *via Zoom*

Staff present

Camilla Bradshaw (CB)

Patrick Cusworth (PC)

Laura Dunn (LD)

Guin Plouviez Comnas (GPC) *via Zoom*

Greg Ross-Sampson (GRS)

Apologies

Joanne Brooks (JB)

Sharon Johal (SJ)

Frances Roper (FR)

1. Chair's welcome and introduction

LS welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves for the benefit of the new member of staff.

2. Apologies for absence

JB, SJ and SR sent their apologies in advance of the meeting.

3. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of some additional items under 'any other business'.

4. Declaration of Trustees' interests

No new declaration of interests were made at this point.

5. Minutes of July and September 2025 meeting and Public Summary

The July minutes, September minutes and July 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 Chair didn't have anything additional to report at this point.

8. Chief Executive's report

The Board discussed the Chief Executive's report.

11. AGM review: actions and format

The Board received a review of the recent AGM meeting.

13. BPC's approach to risk

The Board discussed the BPC's approach to risk.

16. Trainee event

The Board approved the proposed approach to the trainee event.

17. Registration Committee update

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

18. Ethics Committee update

An update was given on the Ethics Committee by GRS.

19. Professional Standards Committee update

There were no updates from the Chair of the Professional Standards Committee.

20. Sexual and gender diversity Committee update

There were no updates from JBo on the Sexual and Gender Diversity Committee.

21. Partnership of Counselling and Psychotherapy Bodies (PCPB)

An update was given on the PCPB by GRS.

22. Record of processing activities (ROPA)

The Board received a copy of the ROPA document, for information.

23. PCPB Commission update

This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

24. Updated safeguarding guidance

The Board received a copy of the updated safeguarding guidance, for information.

25. Responses to low fee field

The Board received a copy of the responses to the low fee field, for information.

26. 2025 and 2026 organisation planner

The Board noted the updated organisation planners.

27. Any other business

Trustees discussed some other business.

28. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting is on Friday 12 December 2025.