

January 2026 Public Summary

BPC Board Meeting 30 January 2026

Conducted as a hybrid meeting.

Trustees present

Sally Beeken (SB) *via Zoom*

João Botas (JBo) *via Zoom*

Asim Butt (AB) *via Zoom*

Angela Greatley (AG) *via Zoom*

Ben Lloyd (BL) *via Zoom*

Richard Serlin (RS)

Lee Smith (LS)

Nikky Sternhell (NS) *via Zoom*

Staff present

Joanne Brooks (JB) *via Zoom*

Patrick Cusworth (PC)

Laura Dunn (LD)

Sharon Johal (SJ) *via Zoom*

Greg Ross-Sampson (GRS)

Apologies

Alan Colam (AC)

Frances Roper (FR)

1. Chair's welcome and introduction

LS welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced BL for his first official meeting as a trustee.

2. Apologies for absence

AC and FR sent their apologies in advance of the meeting.

3. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Declaration of Trustees' interests

One declaration of interest was made.

5. Minutes of December meeting and public summary

The December minutes and 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 report

The Chief Executive report was discussed by the Board.

13. External partnerships strategy (updated)

The Board discussed the updated external partnerships strategy.

14. Developing a position statement on statutory regulation

The Board agreed to discuss this item once the Chair had met with the Head of Policy and Public Affairs.

17. Ratification of new members of the Scholars' Network

The Board ratified the new members of the Scholars' Network.

18. Registration Committee update

A verbal update was given on the Registration Committee by the Registrar.

19. Ethics Committee update

A verbal update was given on the Ethics Committee by GRS.

20. Professional Standards Committee update

The Board had received a written update from the Chair of the Professional Standards Committee.

21. Sexual and gender diversity Committee update

The Board received a verbal update on the Sexual and Gender Diversity Committee.

22. Partnership of Counselling and Psychotherapy Bodies (PCPB)

An update was given on the PCPB by GRS.

23. Policy and public affairs update

The Board discussed the updated document.

24. Crime and Policing Bill update

The Board were updated on the latest Crime and Policing Bill update.

25. PPNOW 2026

The Board were given a verbal update about the Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Now conference, planned for November 2026.

26. 2026 organisation planner

The Board noted the updated organisation planner.

27. Any other business

No other business was raised.

28. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting is on Friday 13 March 2026.