



Minutes of the VSS Board Meeting No 45
Tuesday, 20 February 2018, 10:30am
Board Room 2, 3rd Floor, Seatem House, Belfast
Board Meeting Type: Strategic Discussion

Board Members Present:

Oliver Wilkinson (OW)	Board Member (Chair)
Patricia Haren (PH)	Board Member
Bertha McDougall (BMcD)	Board Member
Stephen McIlveen (SMcI)	Board Member
Richard Solomon (RS)	Board Member
Beverley Clarke (BC)	Board Member

VSS Officers in Attendance:

Margaret Bateson (MB)	Accounting Officer and CEO
Andrew Walker (AW)	Head of Corporate Services
Damien Kavanagh (DK)	Acting Head of Health & Wellbeing

Seamus Magee - Board Member stepped aside on 30.1.18 until further notice.

A CEO Update

The CEO noted that there are no exceptional matters/risks to raise with the Board. The CEO exception report presented at the January meeting remains valid.

B Strategic Sessions

The CEO facilitated Board discussion and feedback on the following topics:

- Victims & Survivors Strategy (post 2019)
- VSS Corporate Plan 2018 – 2021
 - Vision
 - Mission
 - Values
 - Strategic Outcomes

- Board workplan 2018/19 (key strategic topics for inclusion on Board workplan, and for consideration through co-design)

C AOB

Safeguarding – The Chair asked VSS Management to detail the arrangements in place with respect to safeguarding.

VSS management advised:

- This issue has been considered by the Health & Wellbeing Committee;
- VSS will prepare a report detailing the arrangements in place, and identifying further actions;
- Policies are in place within organisations, and VSS will conduct a 10% spot-check to gain assurance on the quality of these policies.

The Board is satisfied with the response and awaits the report for consideration.