



Minutes of the VSS Board Meeting No 53
VSS, Seatem House, Belfast
Board Meeting Type: Strategic Meeting
20th November 2018

Board Members Present:

Oliver Wilkinson (OW)	Board Member (Chair)
Patricia Haren (PH)	Board Member
Bertha McDougall (BMcD)	Board Member
Richard Solomon (RS)	Board Member
Stephen McIlveen (SMcI)	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
Anne Marie Emmett (AME)	Acting Executive Co-ordinator (Minutes)

Apologies

Joanne McConville (Head of Health & Wellbeing)

A Minutes of Previous Meeting

A1 23 October 2018. The minutes of this meeting were agreed. (Changes to September minutes had been agreed by correspondence)

B CEO Reporting by Exception

- The CEO reported that VSS had a GDPR data breach, however this was not a reportable breach. This will be internally reported in the next Quarterly report.
- The CEO advised that she will no longer be accompanying the Chair to the VSS/CSV monthly meetings, outlining a number of reasons why the correct approach is for this meeting to be attended by OW as Chair of VSS. The Board agreed.

PEACE IV Update

- The CEO advised that an application for additional PEACE IV funding (exchange rate slippage at Programme Level) is almost ready for submission to SEUPB.
- VSS have been selected as 1 of 6 projects which SEUPB Programme evaluators will follow and track throughout the course of the project
- CEO updated the Board on presentations to journalists and EU Commission staff

- CEO updated the Board on the VSS Staffing Review and discussed the proposed revised VSS Organisational Chart along with staffing proposals which the Board agreed.

C Advocacy Support Update

The CEO gave a presentation on the progress of the Advocacy Support Programme.

D Q&A and Discussion

The Board held a discussion on the presentation, and on the area of Legacy, including the procedures in place in this area within funded organisations.

E AOB

BC advised of the Consultation on the recommendations of the Historical Institutional Abuse (HIA) Inquiry Report. The Consultation opened on 19 November and is to close on 10 February 2019. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for VSS to respond to the Consultation.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 5th December 2018 in Seatem House.