Health Services Safety Investigations Body

Public Board Meeting

Thursday 27 August 2026, 10:00hrs-12:45hrs
Hyatt Regency, London, Stratford, London, E20 1GL

AGENDA

Time	Item	Title	Purpose	Presenter	Delivery
1. OPENING ADMINISTRATION					
10:00	1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6	Welcome and apologies for absence Declaration of quorum Declaration of interests Minutes of the previous meeting Actions from previous meetings Decision Log	Information Assurance Assurance Approval Assurance Assurance	Ted Baker	Verbal Verbal Verbal Paper Paper Paper
2. PATIENT SAFETY / OPERATIONAL PRESENTATION					
10:05	2.1	Advice and Guidance report	Information	Nick Woodier/ Gemma Johns	Presentation
3. REPORTING ITEMS					
10:35	3.1	Chair Report	Assurance	Ted Baker	Paper
10:40	3.2	Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Report	Assurance	SLT	Paper
11:00	3.3	Performance Report	Assurance	SLT	Paper
11:15	3.4	Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) Sponsor Team Report	Information	DHSC	Verbal
11:20	3.5	Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Report	Assurance	Peter Schild	Paper
11:30 BREAK (10 minutes)					
4. DECISION / APPROVING ITEMS					
11:40	4.1	Business Plan	Approval	Stephen Carruthers	Paper
5. ASSURANCE/ INFORMATION ITEMS					
11:55	5.1	Building Investigation Excellence	Assurance	Philippa Styles	Paper
12:05	5.2	Information Governance Annual Report	Assurance	Sarah Graham	Paper
12:15	5.3	Staff Survey – update on actions	Assurance	Julia Blomquist	Paper
6. CLOSING ADMINISTRATION					
-	6.1 6.2	Board Forward Planner Any Other Business (no pre-notified items)	Assurance Declaration	Ted Baker Ted Baker	Paper Verbal
12:45	6.3	Formal meeting closes	Declaration	Ted Baker	Verbal
	-	Public Questions			
Next meeting: 26 November 2026, London, 10:00-13:00hrs					

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Minutes of the Health Services Safety Investigations Body (HSSIB) Public Board Meeting Thursday 28 May 2026 10:00hrs-13:00hrs King's College, London

Present

Ted Baker (TB)	HSSIB Chair
Dr Rosie Benneyworth (RB)	Interim Chief Executive, HSSIB
Mary Cunneen (MC)	Non-Executive Director, HSSIB
Marc Esmiley (ME)	Non-Executive Director, HSSIB
Peter Schild (PSch)	Non-Executive Director, HSSIB
Philippa Styles (PSty)	Director of Investigations, HSSIB
Stephen Carruthers (SC)	Finance and Resources Director, HSSIB

In attendance

Julia Blomquist (JB)	Business Manager to CEO and Chair, HSSIB (minutes)
Luke Paton (LP)	Project Manager, HSSIB
Minal Patel (MP)	Head of Strategy, Policy and Engagement, HSSIB
Claire Crowley (CC)	Senior Safety Investigator, HSSIB

ITEM 1 OPENING ADMINISTRATION

WELCOME / ITEM 1.1 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the Board members and other attendees.

ITEM 1.1.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and noted for:

Mike Durkin (MD), Non-Executive Director, HSSIB
Marisa Logan Ward (MLW), Non-Executive Director, HSSIB

ITEM 1.2 DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was quorate.

ITEM 1.3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no new declarations of interest.

ITEM 1.4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2026 were approved as a true and accurate record and will be published on the HSSIB website.

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ITEM 1.5 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board reviewed the actions and agreed to close each of them following completion.

ITEM 2 PATIENT SAFETY PRESENTATION: ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING AND MEDICINE ADMINISTRATION

The Board discussed the extent to which bodies where recommendations had been made had been receptive. CC advised that engagement had been mostly positive, noting that interactions with stakeholders, including MHRA, had been helpful and constructive. It was further noted that there is an emerging shared understanding of the issues within NHSE.

MC queried whether there was scope to develop an approach similar to that seen in digital design in medicine, and whether there may be a role for the organisation in promoting such development. CC responded that related considerations had been explored through safety observations work, highlighting procurement as the most challenging aspect in this area.

RB reflected that there remains further work to influence thinking in relation to patient safety within innovation and digital patient safety, noting the complexity arising from the range of stakeholders and groups involved. RB also raised the opportunity for Non-Executive Directors to contribute to the forthcoming consultation; CC confirmed that the consultation had not yet been launched.

The Board emphasised the importance of continuing to promote recommendations as widely as possible.

Thanks were given CC for attending and presenting at the meeting.

ITEM 3 REPORTING ITEMS

ITEM 3.1 CHAIR REPORT

The Board received an update on legislative developments. It was noted that a draft Bill had been received in February and has subsequently been published and debated in Parliament. Whilst some changes have been made, it was recognised that the current draft does not fully reflect the organisation's expectations, particularly in relation to the protection of the 'safe space' provisions, and that concerns remain ongoing. The Board was informed that correspondence had been sent to Karin Smyth, and a subsequent meeting had taken place to discuss these concerns.

The Board noted the contribution made by RB at the Health and Social Care Committee, with the discussion providing a useful opportunity to highlight the organisation's position. It was further reported that there have been multiple