

Note of meeting with Sandy Brindley (RCS) – 12th August 2024

Present – <redacted> (SG), <redacted> (IS), <redacted> (IS)

Purpose – understand progress of the independent review Of ERCC

Sandy confirmed that the independent review is progressing and that the report is due at the end of August.

She stated that it will be shared with SG and other funders ahead of publication to enable funders to digest and consider a response (as media questions etc are likely). Sandy said that it felt important to publish the report to enable transparency and to move forward.

It is then expected that ERCC will develop an action plan to respond to the report.

It is expected that the report will go beyond the issues raised in the tribunal.

Sandy confirmed that the independent review was put in place after she had met with the Board of ERCC following concerns raised during the tribunal case. Sandy is aware that ERCC are also conducting an urgent internal review of policy, procedures and practice.

RCS are also working with a KC to get a legal opinion on non-binary and trans inclusion where services users are enabled to make informed choices about the sex/gender identity of their case worker. This will help RCS to support members groups going forward.