



## ISAG November Meeting Update

ISAG held its **third virtual meeting on 25 November 2025**, chaired by **Adrian Loades** (National Safeguarding Partner Multi-Agency Facilitator). The group will initially meet monthly for 12 months to drive forward its strategic priorities.

### Agenda discussed:

- **Pending actions:**  
Survey Findings: The survey explored the types of activities scrutineers are involved in and considered broad questions relating to their role and independence. High level examples will be included in the final report, without identifying any partnerships.  
Research Phase 2: Prior to the date of this ISAG meeting, a strong set of survey responses had been received, with many participants confirming their involvement. Respondents represent a mix of key partner roles. A reminder was issued ahead of the deadline.
- **Interview Guide:** Suggestions included adding an introductory question on role and context, focusing on impact and effectiveness, and exploring factors such as added value, challenges, and partnership working. Duplication with survey questions will be avoided, and emphasis placed on “why” and “so what” questions. For children and young people, the focus will be on amplifying their voice and its influence. The guide will be updated and shared by the end of the week.
- **Interviewee stratification:** Researcher capacity currently allows for ten interviews. Selection will be based on geographic spread, area type, scrutiny model, and scrutineer’s multi-agency background, with a limit of one partnership per advisory group member. The criteria will be applied and a shortlist confirmed before interviews commence.
- **AOB:** it was agreed that the next meeting will cover initial survey feedback, early interview insights, and the voice of children and young people. An agenda plan will be circulated in advance.

We welcome input from across the sector. Please contact:  
[Safeguarding.REFORM@education.gov.uk](mailto:Safeguarding.REFORM@education.gov.uk) to share your insights or ask questions.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 27 January 2026 at 11:30 AM BST

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