

NRPSI CEO Mike Orlov to step down

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After nearly seven years as Chief Executive and Registrar of the National Register of Public Service Interpreters (NRPSI), Mike Orlov has decided to step down from his role and will be leaving the organisation on 10 April 2026.

Victor Olowe, Chair, NRPSI, said:

“Over his tenure, Mike has made a significant contribution to the voluntary registration and regulation of public service interpreters, with public protection as his focus. Mike’s resilience, dedication, tenacity, and hard work have made a huge impact on NRPSI, helping to transform it into a more respected regulator. On behalf of the NRPSI Board and staff, I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to him for his invaluable contribution to promoting higher standards of public service interpreting, and wish him all the best for the future.”

Mike Orlov, Chief Executive, NRPSI, said:

“It has been an honour developing the positioning of the National Register, leading and managing the secretariat, cementing relationships with stakeholders, and ensuring that NRPSI has had an impact on public service language services.

“It has been a great privilege to lead NRPSI and the very committed team since 2019. I am hugely grateful to NRPSI’s partners and stakeholders for their unwavering support and engagement. I am proud of the team’s work in raising the profile of NRPSI and the critical role of Registrants on the National Register, upholding standards of public service interpreting, and putting public protection at the heart of everything we do. I recognise there is still much more to do to achieve statutory regulation and protection of title for public service interpreters, but I am proud of the progress we have made.”

The NRPSI Board will soon launch a recruitment process to appoint Mike’s successor and is committed to ensuring a smooth transition of leadership in preparation for the next strategic planning period from 2027 onwards.

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