Dear Registrant,

A number of things have been happening at NRPSI and this is the first of a few email messages that you will be receiving from us over the next week or so to keep you up to date.

We will also in most cases be putting similar information up on our website once we have communicated it by email to all those on our register.

At our board meeting on Monday (26<sup>th</sup>) we agreed a number of things and made some decisions that all flow from a detailed review of our strategy that the board have undertaken and now confirmed as our view of the way forward for NRPSI. This strategy will be outlined in full to you in a separate email, as will the board meeting minutes and a report on a recent meeting that we have had with a number of other interpreter organisations.

The main purpose of this first communication however is to advise you of some changes in our management in that our Executive Manager, Siân Pritchard has indicated that she intends to leave her role with us and has tendered her resignation.

The board on Monday accepted this with some regret as we acknowledge that Siân has led her small team to great effect in taking on the challenge of the effective transfer from the old relationship with the CIoL to the new, independent NRPSI from 1<sup>st</sup> April last year. She and her team have achieved a tremendous amount in not just stabilising but building the register and driving in increasing efficiencies in the way in which it is administered. So the board have thanked her for her excellent work with us over the past year and wish her the very best in developing her career in the way she wants.

So whilst Siân remains with us for the next three months one of our priorities is to recruit her successor with the objective of effecting a seamless transition from our present to a new Executive Manager.

We hope to place an advert for this position by the end of the week in relevant media and of course will carry it on our own website.

In the meantime having discussed this in detail with the NRPSI team on Tuesday morning following the board meeting I can tell you that it is their intention, fully supported by the board, that there will be no change or reduction in service or support to you, our registrants and to our wider stakeholders.

There is a lot more to tell you, much of it extremely positive, but I needed to start with Siân's planned departure if only because it will become very public once we place the advert and our registrants need to be informed well ahead of this.

So more soon.

Yours sincerely,

TED SANGSTER CHAIRMAN On behalf of the Board