

The Whyte Review

I would like to provide you with an update on the progress of the Review.

I am pleased to say that the evidence-gathering and investigation stage of my work is now complete, subject to a handful of lines of enquiry that remain outstanding and which I anticipate will be concluded in the coming weeks. To give some idea as to the scale of the evidence I have collected, the Review has now received over 400 submissions, held over 230 meetings with individuals and organisations and received over 70,000 pages of documentation from the organisations listed in paragraph 13 of my Terms of Reference. I have now moved on to commence the evaluation of the evidence I have received and the writing of my report, in order to reach the determinations required under paragraph 4a) of my Terms of Reference.

This work involves a careful analysis of all of the information that I have received since the Review was launched in order that I can decide:

- i. whether gymnasts' wellbeing and welfare is (and has been) at the centre of the culture of British Gymnastics, its registered clubs and member coaches and if not, why not;
- ii. whether safeguarding concerns and complaints have been dealt with appropriately in the sport of gymnastics and if not, why not; and
- iii. whether gymnasts, or their parents, carers or guardians, have felt unable to raise complaints with appropriate authorities and if so, why.

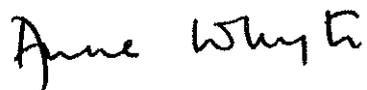
I am hugely grateful for the amount of information I have received from the gymnastics community and others with experience of, or involvement in, the sport. The scale of the engagement with the Review will enable me to reach well-founded determinations with the benefit of input from individuals across the sport. I would like to repeat my sincere thanks to everyone who has provided me with information, which I know for many has been a difficult step to take. Every piece of information that is relevant to my Terms of Reference will be carefully considered and will contribute to my Report.

Now that the evidence gathering stage of my work has almost concluded, I can better anticipate the timescale for the completion of my work. It is important that I take adequate time to assess all of the information received by the Review and produce a clear and evidence-based report. I anticipate that I will require the remainder of this year to analyse the material and prepare a report setting out my determinations, and the reasoning for my determinations. Depending upon the determinations that I reach, I may also need to consider whether any recommendations are required and, if so, what they

should be. Once my report has been prepared I will need to undertake some further steps and checks in order to finalise my report for the Commissioning Organisations. I anticipate that my report will be provided to the Commissioning Organisations by the end of February 2022.

I fully appreciate that the gymnastics community, particularly those that have engaged with the Review, will wish to know the outcomes of the Review as soon as possible. I recognise that the issues I am considering have had, and continue to have, a profound effect on many people's lives. Please be assured that I am doing everything that I can to produce my report as quickly as possible, whilst maintaining the integrity of my work and the determinations that I will make.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Whyte". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Anne Whyte QC
25 October 2021