

## Meeting 3 – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

The third Independent Senior Advocate (ISA) Co-Production Group meeting explored how the ISA network may function. The session was broken into three primary sections:

1. An explanation of what a support network is
2. The purpose of an ISA network
3. The way an ISA network may work (such as infrastructure, communications, learning and development opportunities)

To explain what a support network is, Traverse used the case study of a Freedom to Speak Up Guardian. This was done so that participants were able to see how a national network can be used to benefit members and service users alike. Participants were implored not to use this network as a template but instead an example of what a function network can be.

Group members then went into groups to discuss what purpose a network can have for the ISA role. They agreed that a network will give ISA's the opportunity for:

- A way to meet other ISAs
- Shared learning and development
- Support across regions and trusts
- Increased legitimacy and confidence in the process

Functionally, this meant that the ISA network would need to:

- One overarching group, where people could always reach each other
- Provide an online 'hub', where the network could meet, connect, share learning and access information
- Allow service user feedback and data to inform training and development
- A place where service user can access their local ISA