



Child Safeguarding
Practice Review Panel

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Dear Secretary of State,

CHILD SAFEGUARDING PRACTICE VIEW PANEL: REVIEW OF CASES AT FULLERTON HOUSE, WILSIC HALL AND WHEATLEY HOUSE SPECIALIST, INDEPENDENT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

I am writing further to my letter of 16 November about the Panel's proposal to undertake a national child safeguarding practice review into the events at Fullerton House, Wilsic Hall and Wheatley House specialist, independent residential schools.

I can now confirm that we have secured Dame Christine Lenehan (Director, National Children's Bureau) to lead this review for the Panel. As you know Christine has an outstanding track record of work with children with complex needs and disabilities. We are very grateful to her for taking this on, and to Anna Feuchtwang (Chief Executive of NCB) for releasing some of her time, particularly at short notice. Christine should be able to start work on 10 January. We have shared this update with Doncaster safeguarding partners who are keen for the review to get underway as soon as possible. You will be aware that we have worked closely with Doncaster since their initial request that the Panel should undertake a national review.

In light of the above, and in line with the requirements of Working Together 2018, this letter is the Panel's formal notification to you that we will commence work on this review in January 2022. I have asked Dr Susan Tranter to lead this review. I will have oversight of the review as Panel chair, and will sign-off progress on a monthly basis. Isabelle Trowler, Chief Social Worker, Children and Families, will offer advice and support as required.

I am circulating this letter to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the Home Secretary.

Yours sincerely,

Annie Hudson
Chair of the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel