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Elaine Simpson  
By email

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*Dear Elaine,*

It was good to meet with you on 2 March, and I am now writing formally to confirm your appointment as the independent Chair of Slough Children's Services Trust.

The Trust will take responsibility for the delivery of children's social care services in Slough later this year and will operate in 'shadow form' from the end of this month. Following the successful establishment of Doncaster Children's Services Trust last year I expect to see a similarly radical and relentless focus on improvement and innovation in Slough. Your strong, independent, leadership will rapidly secure excellent services for vulnerable children and families in Slough.

As Chair you will be critical to the success of the Trust, and I am delighted you have agreed to take on this role. I have no doubt that your achievements as Chair of the National Children's Bureau, extensive experience in local government, and your considerable success in other sectors will bring the right level of challenge, expertise, and robust leadership needed to deliver a clear vision for the Trust.

You will be responsible for establishing a Board with the necessary skills and experience to enable a smooth transition of services from the Council to the Trust and to ensure that the Trust operates independently of the Council. You will be working closely with Eleanor Brazil, the Slough Commissioner for Children's Social Care, as well as senior Council officials and Leaders.

I would like to wish you the very best in your new role, and I look forward to working with you.

I am copying this letter to: Eleanor Brazil; Ruth Bagley (Chief Executive of Slough Borough Council); Councillor Rob Anderson (Leader of the Council); and Councillor Pavitar Mann (Lead Member for Children's Services).

*Yours sincerely,*

*Edward*

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