



CHILDREN AND FAMILY COURT ADVISORY AND SUPPORT SERVICE

Paper for the Board meeting on 23 January 2019

Cafcass Board Membership – Deputy Chair Arrangements

KEY POINTS

- The relevant Regulations stipulate that the Service (Cafcass) must appoint one of the appointed members as Deputy Chair and the appointment requires the Secretary of State's approval.
- The Chair proposes to appoint Sally Cheshire as Deputy Chair and has consulted with all Board members regarding the proposal who have raised no objections and who are supportive.

1. AIM AND PURPOSE

- 1.1. This paper provides an update on the membership of the Board and proposed appointment of a Deputy Chair.

2. ACTION FOR THE BOARD

- 2.1. The Board is asked to note the paper and the proposal to recommend to the Secretary of State for Justice that Sally Cheshire be appointed as Deputy Chair.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Board is fully resourced in accordance with the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Membership, Committee and Procedure) Regulations 2005 (the Regulations), which sets out that the 'Secretary of State is to appoint the Chairman of the Service and 9 other appointed members'.
- 3.2. The Board has two co-opted members in accordance with the Regulations which allows for the Service to co-opt up to five members to provide expertise to the Service.
- 3.3. The Regulations also stipulate that the Service must appoint one of the appointed members as Deputy Chair and that the appointment requires the Secretary of State's approval.

4. KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER

- 4.1. The Chair proposes to appoint Sally Cheshire as Deputy Chair and has consulted with all Board members regarding the proposal.
- 4.2. The main functions of the Deputy Chair are:
 - to support the Chair in the leadership of the Board and maintaining a relationship of trust with the Executive;
 - to preside at any Board meeting where the Chair is absent or otherwise unable to preside and to ensure that meetings of the Board are conducted efficiently and

- to act as one of the primary ambassadors of the organisation.

4.3. There is no remuneration associated with the role of Deputy Chair.

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