



**The Commissioner for
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Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter last month on your intention to appoint two members to the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel without competition.

I relayed my views on your proposals through officials and understand the proposal is now to appoint Simon Bailey for a period of 12 months, whilst DfE run a competition for the vital police skills the Panel requires on a substantive basis.

I also understand that you intend to appoint another member directly for 12 months to access local government expertise; I will await the consultation on that member in due course.

I wish the DfE team all the best for a successful competition to find members with police, local government and health skills that you have identified as essential for the Panel.

As always with Section 3.3 appointments, I will place a copy of this letter on my website for transparency.

With best wishes,

William Shawcross
Commissioner for Public Appointments