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Welsh Government

Peter Fox MS  
Chair, Health and Social Care Committee  
Welsh Parliament

16 March 2026

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your report on the pre-appointment hearing for the Chair of Social Care Wales.

I am grateful to the Committee for its scrutiny of my preferred candidate, Katija Dew, and for the prompt publication of its report. I am pleased that the Committee shares my view that Katija is exceptionally well placed to take on the role of Chair of Social Care Wales.

As highlighted in your report, Katija brings strong knowledge and experience of the strategic direction of Social Care Wales and clearly articulates both her short- and long-term priorities for the organisation. She has demonstrated a comprehensive and thoughtful approach to leading, developing and supporting the Board to ensure the organisation reaches its full potential. I have therefore decided to appoint her as Chair of Social Care Wales.

A thorough handover period will now commence between the current Chair and Katija ahead of her commencement in the role in July to ensure a smooth transition.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dawn Bowden', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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