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Dear Alyson

DESIGNATION AS ACCOUNTING OFFICER FOR THE CITIZEN VOICE BODY

Firstly, I wanted to pass on my congratulations on your appointment as the Interim Chief Executive of the Citizen Voice Body for Health and Social Services, Wales (herein referred to by the operating name Llais) from October 2022.

The Principal Accounting Officer for the Welsh Ministers has delegated to me responsibility for ensuring appropriate Accounting Officer designations are made in relation to Welsh Government Arm's Length Bodies (ALBs) who work in partnership with the Health and Social Services Group of Welsh Government. As set out in paragraph 19(1) of Schedule 1 to the Health and Social Services (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act 2020 (the Act), the role of Chief Executive of Llais is identified as encompassing the Accounting Officer responsibilities.

However, in the period October 2022 to end of March 2023, whilst you were the Interim Chief Executive, Llais was not an operational body. The organisation had been legally established for the purposes of establishing itself but yourself and the other board members of Llais performed establishment work under the governance arrangements of the Quality and Engagement act Implementation Programme. During this time all fiduciary management decisions relating to 2022-23 were the responsibility of the Senior Responsible Officer, Chris Jones.

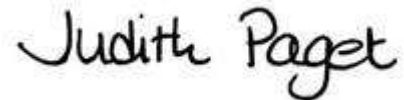
From the 1st April 2023, Llais became fully operational and all decision making and fiduciary management control was handed over to yourself and the board of Llais. From 1st April

2023, you were appointed the Accounting Officer for Llais and you will find details of your responsibilities in this role in the letter I sent to you in July 2023 outlining your appointment.

Therefore, for this period of establishment, I have delegated the Accounting Officer responsibilities to Chris Jones.

I want to thank you for all you, the board and the staff and members of the Community Health Councils have done to support this programme and the establishment of Llais.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith Paget". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judith Paget CBE