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Dear Estelle,

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY GROUP FOR THE REVIEW OF THE PRESUMPTION OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Thank you for your letter outlining your concerns about the representation of the voices of women, and survivors of domestic abuse, child abuse and sexual violence, on the Advisory Group to the review of the presumption of parental involvement.

Our intention for the Advisory Group is to keep it small enough to allow constructive discussion, whilst ensuring that key areas of expertise and experience are represented. I have carefully considered the concerns that you and others have raised, and am pleased to share that I have invited Nicki Norman, acting Chief Executive of Women's Aid, to join the Group. As you will be aware, Nicki sat on the original Harm Panel and so will provide an important link to the Panel's previous work in this area.

Members of the Advisory Group will be asked to:

- Advise on the proposed evidence to be gathered, in the light of the remit of the review.
- Provide advice and information to the MoJ and commissioned researchers, during the course of the review.
- Identify, and challenge where necessary, gaps in the evidence gathering.
- Assist the MoJ and its researchers, where possible, in seeking advice from interested and/or expert sectors where that advice may not already be present on the Advisory Group.

This last point is particularly important to ensure that we fully understand the evidence gathered and are able to draw on expertise from outside the group where necessary.

Thank you again for your letter and your ongoing work to ensure that diverse voices are heard as part of reform in this area.

Yours sincerely,

ALEX CHALK MP