

From the Chairman

The Rt Hon Maria Miller MP
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Dear Secretary of State,

Thank you for your letter of 23 October, which confirms what I have already told you both in our three discussions over the last few days and in my letter of 18 October, which I am today making public. You know how seriously the Trust takes the allegations surrounding Jimmy Savile and the need to maintain public trust in the BBC.

The inquiries which will report to the Trust through Fiona Reynolds, who will shortly become the Senior Independent Director of the BBC Executive Board, will be comprehensive and independent. You have recognised both the credibility of those who are leading the inquiries and the wide scope of their terms of reference.

I know that you will not want to give any impression that you are questioning the independence of the BBC. Of course I will keep you in touch with developments.

Yours ever,



Lord Patten of Barnes CH
Chairman, BBC Trust