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Elizabeth (Liz) M Greetham, Trustee, Place2Be

Over the last 30 years, Elizabeth has analysed and invested in pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies in the United States, Europe and Japan. Her primary focus has been on assessing clinical trials of products under development across all therapeutic categories, the probability of their success and potential commercial viability. In this capacity she has worked closely with senior commercial, research and executive managements around the world as well as academic and regulatory scientists. Between 1999 and 2004, Elizabeth was CEO and Board Member of DrugAbuse Science, a private biopharmaceutical company, dedicated to developing prescription medications to treat alcoholism and heroin and cocaine addiction. She has also sat on seven publicly quoted US Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Company boards.

Gregor Henderson

Gregor is the Director for Mental Health and Wellbeing with Public Health England. He also provides advice to the Australian Government's National Mental Health Commission and supports the Western Australian Government's Mental Health Commission on transforming mental health services. Gregor is a Board member of the Winning Scotland Foundation, which works to improve participation in sport for young people across Scotland. Gregor is also a mentor with a newly established Community Interest Company called 121 Support. From 2003 – 2008, Gregor was the Director of the Scottish Government's innovative and internationally renowned National Programme for Improving Mental Health and Wellbeing. Previously the Director of the Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health, a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London, and adviser to Mental Health Europe.

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Dr John Ivens

John is the executive head teacher of the Bethlem & Maudsley Hospital School and is an acting principal educational psychologist. He is a professional adviser, on quality and research issues, to the children's counselling charity Place2Be. Alongside these professional roles John's research interests include: developing on-line and individually administered children's well-being measures (happiness and the social experience of school); the effects of being bullied on children's well-being; children's drawings; exploring the effectiveness of applied behaviour analysis in the education of autistic pupils, and the prediction of successful pupil reintegration into mainstream education and training.

Professor Edward Melhuish

Edward Melhuish is Professor of Human Development at Birkbeck, University of London and Research Professor at the University of Oxford. He is also a Principal Investigator on the Effective Provision of Pre-school Education (EPPE) in England and Northern Ireland and Executive Director of the National Evaluation of Sure Start. Professor Melhuish is an internationally recognised expert in the study of child development and childcare and has extensive experience with longitudinal studies. He was a Principal Investigator of studies of day care and family life in the 1980s, which had considerable influence on sections of the 1989 Children Act. He has also conducted research on child development, parenting and childcare in several European countries, on behalf of the European Commission.

Dr Christine Merrell

Christine has extensive experience in the development of assessments (for example reading, mathematics, vocabulary) for children aged between 3 and 11 years. She has published research about the development of children in the early years and the prediction of their later attainment, including children who are deaf and hearing impaired. Her other research interests include the academic attainment and progress of severely inattentive, hyperactive and impulsive young children and ways to help them succeed in the classroom. Christine is Director of Research at the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (CEM).

Michael Parsonage

Michael Parsonage has been working since December 2002 as Chief Economist and Senior Policy Adviser at the Centre for Mental Health (formerly the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health), where he has produced a number of reports based on the application of economic analysis to mental health issues. He has also worked on a consultancy basis for a number of other organisations in the mental health field, including The Mental Health Foundation, the Scottish Association for Mental Health, the Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health and the All Wales Mental Health Promotion Network, and is a Visiting Senior Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He previously worked as a senior economist in the Department of Health and then in HM Treasury.

Professor Eric Taylor, Trustee, Place2Be

Eric is an Emeritus Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at King's College London. Previously he worked for the Institute of Psychiatry as the head of the children's department; for the Medical Research Council as a senior scientist; and for the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust as a clinician treating children and adolescents with neuropsychiatric problems. He was also a service lead, and a non-executive director. He is now a trustee of the National Academy of Parenting Research and the Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health. He continues to teach and consult widely and to research. Eric brings experience in developing and evaluating child mental health programmes in using scientific methods to assess outcomes and guide progress, and liaison with the academic community.

Dr Miranda Wolpert

Dr Wolpert is a clinical psychologist and has worked for many years in the NHS and in school settings providing therapy to children and families as part of multidisciplinary teams in London and Bedfordshire. In 2006 she founded the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) [Evidence Based Practice Unit \(EBPU\)](#). Miranda and colleagues at the unit train front line staff in how to develop effective service provision for children, young people and their families. Miranda chairs the [Child Outcome Research Consortium \(CORC\)](#) a collaboration of over half of all child and adolescent mental health services in England committed to using routine outcome evaluation to inform practice and service development.

Professor Stephen Scott CBE, Trustee, Place2Be

Stephen Scott CBE, Professor of Child Health and Behaviour at the Institute of Psychiatry (IoP), King's College is Director of the National Academy for Parenting Research (NAPR), based at the IoP at King's, where he leads a team of psychologists, clinicians and researchers investigating how best to improve parenting in order to enhance child outcomes. His research interests include conduct disorder and antisocial behaviour, parenting interventions, attachment, adoption and fostering. He has led three randomised controlled trials on the effectiveness of parent training in practice, including a trial of Fostering Changes, a British programme for foster carers; the Helping Children Achieve trial, comparing the impact of relationship improvement programmes and helping parents of 5-6 year olds read with their child; and a trial of Functional Family Therapy for serious teenage antisocial behaviour and delinquency. He has also led the development of a new programme for parents with high needs, and economic evaluations on the cost effectiveness of parenting intervention programmes. Professor Scott is also Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in the CAMHS Adoption and Fostering Service and the Conduct Problems Service at the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM).

David Trickey

Consultant Clinical Child Psychologist, Anna Freud Centre. David Trickey currently works as a Consultant Clinical Psychologist in the Trauma and Maltreatment Service at the Anna Freud Centre, London (AFC). He is part of the staff team running the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) courses for Children and Young People.

David has extensive clinical experience working with children and families, and since 2000 he has specialised in working with traumatised and traumatically bereaved children and young people. He worked for 6 years at the Traumatic Stress Clinic in North London as it became part of Great Ormond Street Hospital. He was then Lead Consultant Clinical Psychologist at Leicester Royal Infirmary Children's Hospital and then Lead Consultant Clinical Psychologist at an innovative service for traumatically bereaved children and young people in Luton and Bedfordshire.

David acts as an Expert Witness or Advisor for the Courts, the Police and other organisations in relation to trauma and bereavement. He has particular expertise and experience of working with children who have witnessed one parent killing another. He has been consulted following critical incidents to inform the crisis response and was commissioned by government to evaluate the Humanitarian Assistance Centre established in response to the London terrorist attacks on 7th July 2005.

David also supervises doctoral research relating to trauma and traumatic bereavement; he has published various research articles, including a meta-analysis of risk factors for PTSD in children and has contributed to a number of textbooks