

Board members appointed to the Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service

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The Secretary of State for Justice has approved the appointments of Jenny Coles and Natalie Trentham as members of Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service.

Jenny Coles' appointment will be for 4 years from 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2030. Natalie Trentham's appointment will be for 4 years from 14 May 2026 to 13 May 2030.

CAFCASS is a non-departmental public body, created under the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000, which safeguards and promotes the welfare of children involved in family proceedings in which their welfare is or may be in question.

Appointments to CAFCASS are regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments and recruitment processes comply with the Governance Code on Public Appointments.

Biography

Jenny Coles

Jenny was appointed to the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel in December 2021. She was reappointed in November 2025 for a period of 4 years.

Jenny was Director of Children's Services in Hertfordshire County Council from 2010-2021 when she retired. She was also President of the Association of Directors of Children's Services from April 2020 to April 2021.

Natalie Trentham

Since 2006, Natalie has been Director at Laugharne Management Consultancy. Natalie has a strong background in strategic partnerships, change management, strategy, local government and stakeholder management.

Natalie has worked with various organisations including West Sussex County Council, Ofsted and Hampshire County Council Children's service department.

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