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Dear Candidate

Thank you for your interest in becoming the next Chair of Together for Short Lives. This is a pivotal role in the charity and the wider children's palliative care field.

Together for Short Lives is here to ensure every child and family has high quality children's palliative and end of life care, when and where they need it. We work with families and the brilliant people and services that support them – in hospital, in children's hospices and in the community – to ensure that children with life-limiting conditions and their families get the support they need.

This is an exciting time to be joining the Board – we are in a period of growth, developing new and transformational programmes to develop children's palliative care. Our recent success in securing a three-year charity partnership with Morrisons will not only generate significant income, but also presents a real opportunity to raise our profile and improve public understanding of the needs of children and families. We want to continue to grow our reach and impact so that more families can access high quality and sustainable support wherever they live in the UK.

Having led the Board for the last five years, Dr Hilary Cass steps down as Chair in March 2023. The trustees are seeking to appoint a Chair designate to work alongside Hilary until then before taking over formally. You will be passionate about what we do, with the experience and credibility in children's palliative care to lead the Board and help strengthen our relationships with key health and care stakeholders. You will be an accomplished strategic leader, with experience in a changing organisation, and excellent communication skills.

Our board and senior leadership team is well established and committed to taking the organisation forward. We are looking forward to appointing a Chair with the passion, empathy and credibility to support the charity to grow its impact and improve the lives of children who need palliative care.

If you would like an informal conversation about the role, please email recruit@togetherforshortlives.org.uk

Best wishes



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Vice Chair of Board of Trustees