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Legal Services Board confirms appointment of Chair of the Legal Services Consumer Panel

The Legal Services Board (LSB) - the independent body responsible for overseeing the regulation of lawyers in England and Wales - has today announced the re-appointment of Elisabeth Davies as Chair of the Legal Services Consumer Panel ('the Consumer Panel').

Elisabeth has been re-appointed as Chair for the period 1 August 2012 to 31 March 2015 after a period as interim Chair following the resignation of former Chair Baroness Hayter.

David Edmonds, LSB Chairman, said:

"I am delighted that Elisabeth will be continuing as Chair of the Consumer Panel. The Panel, under Elisabeth's leadership, continues to play a unique and important role in making sure the interests of consumers are put right at the heart of the legal services sector. They have a challenging work programme ahead."

Elisabeth Davies, Legal Services Consumer Panel Chair, said

"It's been a real privilege to lead the Panel in recent months and over a period of such rapid policy change. This is set to continue and I know the unique role of the Panel will be more important than ever. I'm very pleased to have a further opportunity to build on what the Panel has already achieved, maximising our impact on behalf of consumers and ensuring they can access high quality and affordable legal services which meet their needs."

Notes for editors:

1. Elisabeth is Director of Partner Relations at Age UK, where she works closely with over 160 local Age UKs across England and supports the work of Age Cymru, Age Northern Ireland and Age Scotland.

She was previously Deputy Chair of Wandsworth Primary Care Trust and is the former Chair of Wandsworth Citizens Advice Bureaux. Her career includes a series of senior roles in the health arena including at the National Patient Safety Agency, the UK Breast Cancer Coalition, the Patients Association and the World Cancer Research Fund. She was also previously Director of Policy at the Refugee Council.

Elisabeth is based in London.

2. Section 8(3) of the Legal Services Act 2007 allows for the Chairman of the LSB to appoint one of the Consumer Panel members as Chair.
3. Details of the other members of the Consumer Panel and their biographies can be found on the Panel's [website](#).
4. Details of the Consumer Panel's work plan for 2012/13 can be found [here](#).
5. For further information, please contact our Communications Manager [Vincent McGovern](#) or by calling 020 7271 0068.