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Dr Carol Tozer  
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Dear Carol

### **Children's Trusts – The Future**

The above issue was discussed last week at the Operational Board meeting for Participation/Making a Positive Contribution. The group were very concerned to hear that there is a possibility that the Children's Trust structures in Torbay will be disbanded and incorporated within the Healthy Living Board. The group feel strongly that the Operational Board should continue in its current form, as it is a strong and well-motivated forum, representing the views of young people. This partnership plays a vital part in ensuring that service users and young people are positively engaged/involved in shaping the services we provide and, as you know, there is still much work to be done in this respect.

As Chair of this Operational Board, I have been asked by fellow members of the group to formally write to you to express their concerns around the current uncertainty. They are anxious to know whether you are able to allay any of these fears, or confirm whether there has been any definite decisions made around the future of the Trust and the other Operational Boards that sit below this forum.

Thank you for your assistance over this matter and I do hope that you will be able to clarify the current position.

Yours sincerely

**Fred Pethard**  
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