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Dame Christine Lenehan appointed as IMPOWER advisor

Dame Christine Lenehan, Director of the Council for Disabled Children at the National Children's Bureau, has joined IMPOWER as an advisor.

Christine has spent the last 40 years advocating for disabled children, young people and their families. After beginning her career as a social worker, she worked extensively in both residential and community settings. She joined the Council for Disabled Children in 2000 and became Director in 2003.

Dame Christine has carried out Reviews for both the Department of Health and Department for Education. She was awarded an OBE in 2009, made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health in 2013, and was awarded a damehood in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Welcoming the appointment, Pooven Maduramuthu, IMPOWER's CEO, said:

“Dame Christine Lenehan brings her exceptional experience and passion to IMPOWER's work across public services. Her contribution to our work on setting system ambitions to drive effective support in High Needs has been invaluable; we are looking forward to her continuing to challenge us, helping ensure that we maximise our impact.”

Dame Christine Lenehan said:

“Challenging the barriers to better outcomes for children and young people with SEND is more important than ever, and I am excited to be advising a company with a demonstrable commitment to this. IMPOWER's innovative approach to working across organisational and system boundaries is part of the change that is needed, and I look forward to supporting them as they advocate for a more joined-up and outcomes focused approach.”

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About Dame Christine Lenehan

Christine began her career as a social worker in 1980.

In 2000 Christine joined the Council for Disabled Children, part of National Children's Bureau. Christine has carried out Reviews for both the DoH and DfE; both Reviews received a very positive response from Government, and implementation of their recommendations is likely to make a significant impact on practice in this area and the experiences of the children and young people affected.

In 2009 Christine was awarded an OBE for services for disabled children and young people and in 2013 was made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. In 2016 she was awarded a Damehood in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in recognition of her outstanding work for disabled children and young people and those with special educational needs, spanning over 35 years.

About IMPOWER

IMPOWER exists because we believe that public services should be improved – and can be. By enabling public service leaders to grip the challenges of complexity, we supercharge their ability to improve lives and save money. We are committed to making a measurable, positive impact on outcomes for service users, the use of public money, and the resilience of public services.

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