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Dear Julie,

BASW are utterly committed to the creation of a UK College of Social Work as envisaged by our Memorandum of Understanding agreed with your Interim Board in May. I have been asked to write on behalf of our College Steering Group made up of our most senior Council members and our management team which met today to discuss the current situation.

Our Council members are keen to proceed with the establishment of a UK College of Social Work Transition Board and are ready to nominate 3 members to take part in this immediately.

We are keen that this process is not side-tracked by any potential conflict with the Interim Board. As you know, the Joint Working Group format has not worked well, and we are keen not to repeat the frustrating discussions which led us to mediation. We therefore see no benefit in proceeding with the planned Joint Working Group meeting on 6 September, but would like to move immediately to setting up the first meeting of the Transition Board.

Would you be able to identify three people from the Interim Board to form the Transition Board with the three people nominated by BASW Council with an aim to hold a first meeting of the Transition Board in mid-September?

We would hope that you and the Interim Board would see this as a successful next step to achieving the job they were established to accomplish.

It would also help give our members confidence in the new College so that when they meet on 1 November we may get the required 75% majority voting to support giving

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BASW Council permission to negotiate with the UK College about the transfer of assets and staff into the new company.

The advantage of having a group of directors on the Transition Board who embody the new UK College is that they can negotiate with both yourselves and with BASW and have direct discussions with stakeholders about the development of the College and the transfer of assets and staff into the new College. The Joint Working Group could not get passed their different organisational remits to enable this to happen (such as the arrangements with Unison and the Social Work Union), but we believe that the Transition Board whose members are only members of the Board will be better placed to achieve this change.

We are keeping the date in our diary until we hear back from you.

I met with Harry Cayton last week as he had publicly expressed concern about the progress towards the College. I would like to keep him informed of the progress we are making. I would be delighted to discuss it further with you at your convenience.

I have every confidence that BASW and SCIE can resolve these matters and work together to create the UK College of Social Work that we all want to see within the timescales that we both need to attend to.

Yours sincerely

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