PERSONAL STATEMENT

Following a career in senior HR and diversity roles I have been self employed since 2005 working as an independent adviser and panel member in a variety of public appointments. I have been the independent on panels to select Chairs and non executive directors in the NHS for Strategic Health Authorities and numerous primary care and acute trusts. Until recently I was Deputy Chair of the Appointments Committee of the General Pharmaceutical Council. I have helped three PCCs recruit for Chief Constable and other senior roles.

I confirm that all panel members for this appointment have contributed fully and support the decision of the PCC to appoint Kier Pritchard as Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police.

I am entirely satisfied that this selection process, and the decision arising from it, has been based on the principles of merit, openness and fairness.

Geoff Pears

Independent Panel Member 27th November 2018