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Vera Baird QC elected to Chair Eaves' Trustees

Eaves is very pleased to announce that campaigning lawyer and former Solicitor General Vera Baird QC has been unanimously elected Chair of Eaves' Board of Trustees.

Denise Marshall, Eaves' chief executive says, "I am delighted that Vera has become the new Chair of Eaves. This is a challenging time and we look forward to facing those challenges head on with Vera's support. We have no doubt that her vast experience and expertise both as a lawyer and a politician and her strong history on gender equality make her ideal to help us to continue providing the best possible support to vulnerable women who have experienced violence."

Vera Baird QC says, "I am pleased to be taking on this new challenge. I worked with Eaves when I was in Government, as part of our work against trafficking and sexual violence. I admire the quality and strength of its commitment to ending violence against women and the high calibre of its staff and its newly strengthened board of trustees. We will work as a team to deliver best quality services to women who have suffered violence and to campaign for further changes towards gender equality."

The former Chair of the board, Julia Kaufmann O.B.E, will continue to serve as a trustee of Eaves. Vera said "I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her hard work and commitment during her time as Chair. I am pleased that Julia is staying on to give us the benefit of her vast knowledge of the third sector."

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Eaves is a London-based charity which provides high quality housing and support to vulnerable women who have experienced violence. Eaves is working to combat all aspects of violence against women through accommodation, support services, research, education and lobbying.

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