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Dear Candidate,

Hello,

My name is Matthew Smith and I work 2 days a week as Director of Quality and Involvement with Thera Trust. I am also interim Service Director for Thera West, until a permanent appointment is made and that is for 1 day a week.

I think, for me, that people with a learning disability do have a voice and can be leaders - me, for example. I am an equal Director on the Trust Board and I tell the Board what I think, from my own point of view and from the point of view of knowing what it is like to have a learning disability.

I also used to work for BILD (the British Institute of Learning Disability) where I was an advocacy project worker for 2 years on a full time basis.

I do bring lots of experience to Thera. Whilst I am at Thera I attend a lot of meetings - I think that's a typical Director's day! Sometimes I get frustrated if meetings get cancelled at the last minute because everyone gets prepared and then it has wasted their time. However, I love working and I like the people in Thera too.

I look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Smith
Director of Quality and Involvement