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IICSA INTERIM REPORT: GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 17

I am grateful to you and the Panel for your comprehensive Interim Report into child sexual abuse and am pleased to enclose our response to recommendation 17.

As recommended, the Ministry of Justice, the Department of Health and Social Care, the Department for Education, and the Home Office - with contributions from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport - have worked together to detail current levels of public expenditure, and the effectiveness of that expenditure on services for child victims and adult survivors of child sexual abuse in England. We will also publish the response and this letter on GOV.UK.

We thank the Inquiry for its work on these important issues.

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