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Dear Annie,

Thank you for your letter of 22 December confirming the appointment of Dame Christine Lenehan as lead for the Panel review into the events at Fullerton House, Wilsic Hall and Wheatley House specialist, independent residential schools, which will commence this month.

It is vital that we can learn from what happened at these two residential schools to safeguard children with disabilities and complex health needs in residential settings and I welcome the Review's comprehensive and expert focus. The Panel is in a unique position to bring together valuable expertise and experience from across multi agency partnerships and to carry out a robust review.

We will be able to use this learning to ensure the right improvements are made to practice and systems both locally and nationally.

I remain committed to ensuring that you and the Panel have the support you need to do this important work properly and I look forward to meeting with you to discuss the Review in more detail.

I am copying this response to the Cabinet Secretary and my Cabinet colleagues the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP
Secretary of State for Education