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Annie Hudson  
Chair of the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel

Sent via email

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Dear Annie,

**RE: National Review into the Case of Baby M.**

Thank you for your letter of 19 October, confirming that the Panel will be undertaking a national review to examine the issues raised by the tragic death of Baby M.

I am writing on behalf of myself and my colleagues, the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. We value the Panel's insight and expertise in exploring the issues raised by this case, along with the evidence and learning from other situations where children have been seriously harmed, to recognise where there may be a need for improvement in our systems and practice.

It is essential that we take every opportunity to identify learning from serious cases and I am grateful that the review will consider the views of relevant safeguarding partners, agencies and practitioners to ensure that effective local and national learning is identified.

I look forward to hearing about the progress of this review and to continue to work with you, and my colleagues across government, in our shared commitment to protect children.

Yours sincerely,

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Copied to the Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.