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Dear Annie,

National Review into child sexual abuse within the family environment

Thank you for your letter of 14 November, confirming the Panel's intention to launch a National Review into child sexual abuse within the family environment.

Along with the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, I would like to convey support for the National Panel's decision to undertake this review, to explore the challenges which feature in the identification, assessment and response to this specific type of harm.

I value the Panel's insight and the expert focus of the review team in determining how multi agency safeguarding practice - local and national - can better protect children experiencing child sexual abuse within the family environment.

I welcome that the review will consider information provided by safeguarding partners and practitioners and bodies who represent victims and survivors, as well as the voice of children and families affected by the subject matter of the review.

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 safeguard children.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP
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Copied to the Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care