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Annie Hudson
Chair of the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel Sent
via email

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Dear Annie,

I am writing to express my gratitude for your leadership of the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel's National Review into child sexual abuse within the family environment.

I wish to pay tribute to the children at the heart of this review who have shown great courage in sharing their most difficult and traumatic experiences in the hope that it will improve the lives of others.

And I want to offer my thanks to the review team, who have demonstrated expertise, insight and sensitivity in undertaking this work and the practitioners who have participated in and contributed to this research.

The forthcoming Children's Wellbeing Bill is a vital mechanism for improving the lives of vulnerable children and demonstrates this government's commitment to child protection and some of the issues raised in your review. In addition, there is a renewed government focus on tackling child sexual abuse. We are looking at what more we can do to drive an ambitious holistic response, which will necessarily include our response to the IICSA recommendations. We will consider this Panel report in that wider context – but we will move quickly, wherever possible, to address the concerns raised.

I will now consider, along with my colleagues in government, your recommendations and what more we can do.

Thank you once again for your leadership in this space and I look forward to working with the Panel to make a difference for this group of children.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget Phillipson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP
Secretary of State for Education

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Social Care