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Dear Helen Jones,

### **Launch of the Quality Standards for children's homes**

I'm writing to thank you for your organisation's contribution to the recent development of the new Quality Standards for children's homes. I am extremely grateful to you for your help. Your participation in the working group helped ensure the finalised Regulations and Guide are effective for the sector and as child focused as possible.

We have made changes to the Regulations and Guide to reflect feedback from the working group, the residential care sector and children and young people. For example, we have given the guidance on the Positive Relationships Standard a more positive tone and more focus on friendships and building good relationships.

This is only one of the changes we have made in response to feedback but I hope this shows how valuable views from the working group and others have been.

You can access the consultation report [here](#) and the Regulations and Guide [here](#).

Once again, thank you for your help in this significant step in helping improve the quality of children's homes in England and in ensuring that the care that is offered is genuinely child-centred.

*Yours Sincerely,*  
*Edward*

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