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Dear Ms Willow,

Thank you for your letter of 6 July, about the government's response to the Independent Review of Children's Social Care's final recommendations. I am replying as the minister responsible for this policy area.

I am pleased with the pace at which the review is moving, I know Josh MacAlister and the review team are working hard to deliver a bold and broad review. The review continues to engage extensively with the sector and has heard from over a thousand people with personal or professional experience of children's social care.

At its conclusion, I hope the review will deliver bold recommendations so the government can make sure the system is truly delivering for vulnerable children and families. At that stage, the government will consider the review's recommendations and the best way to implement change. We recognise the importance of engaging with a wide range of stakeholders in this process and will follow any appropriate parliamentary process for the implementation of any recommendations.

I eagerly await the review's final report, which will follow further analysis and public engagement. I want to fully grasp this opportunity to drive change and make a real difference to the lives and outcomes of vulnerable children and their families.

Thank you for writing about this important matter. I hope this reply is useful.

Yours sincerely,

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