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Dear Adrian

I am writing in support of the following qualifications:

- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (Northern Ireland).
- NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (Northern Ireland).
- NCFE CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (Northern Ireland).
- NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care Services (Northern Ireland).

NISCC is the regulatory body for the social care and social work workforce in Northern Ireland under the Health and Personal Social Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2001. NISCC is the Northern Ireland partner of Skills for Care and Development the UK wide sector skills council and as such we have an overview of qualification and NOS for the social care and early years sectors.

NISCC is a non-departmental public body (NDPB); accountable to the Northern Ireland Assembly and sponsored by the Department of Health (NI) (Office of Social Services).

I believe these qualifications are valuable for learners because they support employability, progression to further learning at a higher level and progression to higher education within Northern Ireland.

Completion of these qualifications will prepare learners to progress from Level 2 to the Level 3 Extended Diploma or Level 5 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Northern Ireland) or enter the workforce into a variety of roles and/or careers.

NISCC has confirmed with NCFE that the Level 5 Diploma will have two pathways i.e. the Adult Management Pathway or the Adult Residential Management Pathway. The learners will choose the pathway relevant to their area of work and the qualification requirements of the Department of Health minimum standards for their service area

NISCC worked closely with representatives for the social care sector, further education and awarding organisations in the review and development of these qualifications.

The Level 2 and 3 Diploma qualifications are suitable for anyone aged 16 and upwards and the Level 5 Diploma is the required qualification for registered managers in social care who do not hold a professional qualification.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Rooney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

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