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By email to: Lucy Watkins Lucy.Watkins1@justice.gov.uk

Dear Ms Watkins,

As you will be aware, it is now over two months since the publication of my Report into the mistreatment of individuals who were detained at Brook House Immigration Removal Centre in 2017. As I have stated, both in the report and in my public comments, it is crucial that a response to the recommendations is published within six months.

I understand that the Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) are considering my recommendations. I would be grateful if you could now provide some information about the steps the IMB has, or intends to, put in place in order to review and formally respond to the recommendations that were directed to the IMB. I have also requested the same detail from the recipients of my other recommendations.

You will be aware that many of the Core Participants in this Inquiry have expressed the view that there should be a monitoring phase following the publication of my Report. I am aware that Core Participants remain keenly interested and therefore I would like to share information regarding the steps that are being taken to respond to my recommendations before the Inquiry closes.

I would be grateful for a response at your earliest convenience but no later than 15 January. Alternatively, please let me know if it would be helpful to arrange a call between our teams so that they can discuss this further. Please note, the Inquiry intends to provide a copy of this letter to Core Participants and will also publish a copy on the Inquiry's website, in due course. Any response that is provided will also be published.

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Yours sincerely,

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