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Dear Ms Witheford and Ms Pritchard,

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 Serco are in consultation with the Home Office about my recommendations. I would be grateful if you could now provide some information about the steps Serco has, or intends to, put in place in order to review and formally respond to the recommendations that were directed to Serco. I have also written to the Home Secretary to ask for the same detail regarding the recommendations made to the Home Office.

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 December. 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.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate Eves".

**Kate Eves**

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