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Dear Ms Finch-Saunders,

Thank you for your letter of 3 December 2019 about the petition to provide Child Houses in Wales for victims of child sexual abuse. The Lighthouse is the UK's first Child House, which opened in October 2018 as a two-year pilot.

The commissioning of the Lighthouse to provide investigative, medical and emotional support in one place to young victims of sexual violence, is one of my Police and Crime Plan commitments. It has brought innovation and a truly integrated multi-agency service that has been designed to provide the best possible support for this vulnerable group of children and young people. It offers a joined-up approach where, if required, you can get access to all medical, practical, social care, police, and therapeutic support under one roof.

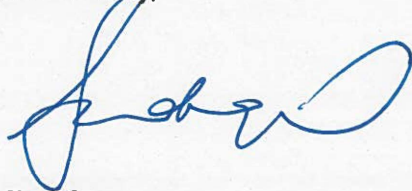
The service is delivered by University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in partnership with The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust and the NSPCC. You can find more information about the service on The Lighthouse website at: www.thelighthouse-london.org.uk.

An evaluation of The Lighthouse is underway and is being undertaken by my Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC). The final evaluation will not report until 2021, however, a number of interim evaluation reports are planned. To date, MOPAC has published an evaluation report covering the mobilisation of the service and will be publishing a further report shortly covering the first six months of the service. The current report and all future reports will be published on the City Hall website at: www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/data-and-statistics/academic-research.

If you need any further information you can contact the Programme lead, [REDACTED] by email at [REDACTED].

I hope that this information is useful, and I wish you well with the Assembly's programme of work.

Yours sincerely,



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Mayor of London