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Dear Robin,

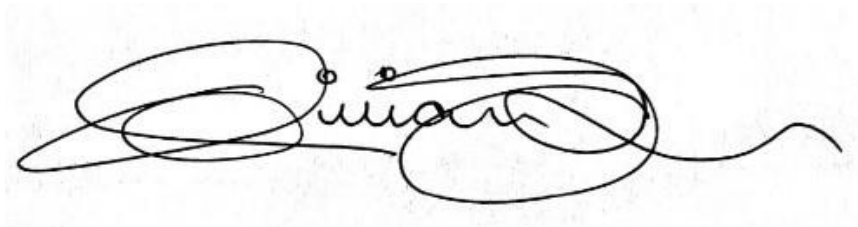
Guidance to support schools and colleges in relation to transgender matters.

Thank you for writing to me about the important matter of the guidance, which my Department is drafting with support from the Minister for Women and Equalities, to support schools in relation to transgender pupils.

I understand that some schools feel that they need more clarity and information in this area in order to support all pupils and parents effectively. We have recently expanded the scope of the guidance to include Further Education colleges, as we know that colleges also need clarity and support in relation to their students who are under 18 years old. I appreciate the demand for this guidance is significant, however, this is such a complex and sensitive area, I am sure you will understand that it is incredibly important that we take the time to get the guidance right.

As the Permanent Secretary, Susan Acland-Hood, said before the Committee last December, the Department intends to publish a draft of the guidance as part of a full public consultation, to which any member of the public can respond, prior to publication of the final guidance later this year. We are currently finalising the draft for consultation and our aim is to publish the consultation document alongside the draft guidance later in the Spring.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gillian Keegan', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

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