Dear Roberta,

As a leading early years membership organisation, running 117 nurseries and pre-schools of our own, we would like to offer support for the following qualification, ideal for young people wishing to progress into the Healthcare, Care or Childcare Sector.

**City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Healthcare, Care and Childcare**

We feel that the content meets both the needs of the employers in our sector and those of the young people taking it, who are preparing for a career in Childcare.

This qualification allows the learner to gain these essential skills and knowledge to progress on to an Apprenticeship or into employment in this sector.

We believe that the following practical skills and knowledge would give a young person an advantage when seeking employment and are essential for a new employee in Health, Care or Childcare:

- Working with people requiring healthcare and support services
- Working with adults requiring care and support services
- Working with children, young people and families in care and education
- Values, beliefs and behaviours for working in healthcare, care and childcare settings
- Communicating for effective practice in healthcare, care and childcare
- Working safely in healthcare, care and childcare environments
- Safeguarding and protecting vulnerable people
- Supporting health and healthy living in healthcare, care and childcare
- Principles and theories of human growth and development
We feel that once a learner has gained this qualification they would be ready for employment in positions such as:

- Healthcare assistant
- Care assistant
- Childcare worker-assistant

I confirm that we consent to our company name (and logo) being made publicly available on the DfE and City and Guilds websites.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Freeston
Quality Improvement Director
Pre-school Learning Alliance