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Dear Roberta

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is an employer operating in Health & Social Care across a large geographical and currently employs some 15,000.00 members of staff. We recently acquired the:

- Princess Royal University Hospital NHS Trust
- Orpington Hospital
- Beckenham Beacon

As a large employer in the Health Sector we believe the following qualifications add value to our employees and our organisation while also being recognised within the sector as confirming occupational competence.

We would like to offer support for the following City & Guilds qualifications as we feel it is ideal for young people between the ages of 16-19.:

- **Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Health and Care (540)**

We were involved in the design and development of this qualification and feel that the qualification has been developed with the needs of the Health sector in mind and a broad range of essential knowledge and skills for our industry.

We have offered City & Guilds qualification in the Health & Social Care for some 17 years and as a large employer we wish to expand the suite of qualification we offer to the most junior members of staff. I feel that the this City & Guilds Technical qualification will provide a perfect stepping stone for staff who are new to the Health Sector, but more importantly for the group of young Apprentices that we recruit year on year.

We see this qualification particularly relevant in light of the Francis Report and the Camilla Cavendish review when it was to introduce the Basic Care Certificate. Having reviewed this new qualification we will be able to map many of the fifteen standards of the care certificate and therefore would be relevant to the NHS as well as supporting confidence building that will enable staff to progress onto higher qualifications.

We believe that these skills and knowledge would give a young person an advantage when seeking employment in Health and Care, for jobs roles such as Health Care Assistants and Health Practitioners. This is the type of qualification or skills and knowledge we will be looking for when recruiting for such a position.

As part of our support we give City & Guilds permission to publish this letter of support and our logo on their website.



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