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Dear Minister

I write following a number of constructive meetings with your officials and the receipt of your letter dated 2 December, and the subsequent information provided by your office in relation to the actions arising from my Care Home Review, 'A Place to Call Home?', which were relevant to the Welsh Government.

The information submitted has provided me with sufficient assurance that you are committed to meeting the majority of my Requirements for Action and delivering the intended outcomes.

There are a small number of Requirements for Action (5.2, 6.2, 6.4, 6.5, 7.1, 7.2), out of the 20 applicable to the Welsh Government, that I cannot yet form a view on as these are still to be progressed through regulations or other legislation. I will continue to work with the Care Home Steering Group as well as directly with your officials as the regulations and other relevant legislation are developed.

I do, however, still have concerns in respect of one Requirement for Action, that being 'reporting on fundamentals of care in nursing homes', and I have already agreed to discuss this further with your officials.

As you are aware, I will be undertaking a follow up Review in 2017, the details of which I will publish in the new year. In the interim, in order to maximise the impact of some of the early work underway, your officials and I have agreed a series of scheduled meetings alongside quarterly updates from the Care Home Steering Group.

I thank you for your ongoing commitment to improving the quality of life for older people in care homes, as well as ensuring positive outcomes for older people are achieved.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Rochira". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Sarah Rochira
Older People's Commissioner for Wales