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Dear Mark

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POSITION OF TRUST

Thank you for your email of 23 January to the Justice Secretary, on behalf of your constituents, about the NSPCC's "Close the Loophole" campaign, which calls for the definition of "position of trust" under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 to be extended to cover a range of jobs or voluntary posts where people aged 18 or over may come into contact with 16 and 17 year olds, for example sports coaches, youth leaders and driving instructors. I am replying as the Minister with responsibility for criminal law.

We remain absolutely committed to protecting children and young people and I can assure you that the Government takes this sensitive and important area of the law seriously. We are currently considering the matters raised by the campaign and I will respond more fully in due course.

In the meantime, thank you for raising this important issue.

Yours sincerely

LUCY FRAZER QC MP