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Tena koe Minister Martin

RE: SECOND REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHILDREN'S MONITOR


Thank you for your letter dated 7 July 2020 and the enclosed copy of the second Independent Children's Monitor Report: Agency Compliance with Regulations 69 and 85 of the Oranga Tamariki (National Care Standards and Related Matters) Regulations – June 2020.

Barnardos has read and reviewed this second report from the ICM which covers the six-month period from 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2019. We are appreciative of the observations on our systems and practice and have noted the areas of focus for future monitoring by the Monitor which is helpful. We had the opportunity to review drafts of the Report which related specifically to our organisation and are pleased to see the few comments we had are reflected in the final version. There are no further observations we wish to make about the Report.

We have welcomed the positive and constructive engagement we have with the ICM to date and look forward to it continuing based on our shared commitment of wanting to achieve the best possible outcomes for children and young people in care.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this second report. We will be advising the ICM as previously, that we are happy for our response to be published on their website.

Naku iti noa, na



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Chief Executive