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Dear Dr Wilcox,

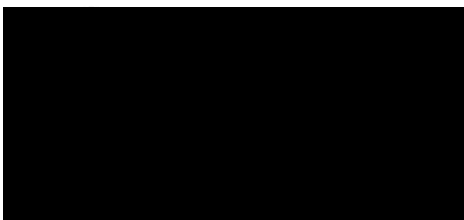
Thank you for your letter of 24 November, enclosing a Regulation 28 report following the investigation into the death of Tiya Chetan Chauhan on 24 August 2012. I am replying as the minister responsible.

The Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requires registered childcare providers to keep children safe and to use their professional judgement in doing so, with provision regulated and inspected by Ofsted in line with the EYFS requirements. In a recent debate, initiated by the hard work of the founders of Millie's Trust, the parents of Millie Thompson (a child who died at a nursery in 2012), I announced that I intend to issue additional guidance to the early years sector in 2015 under the EYFS banner. This will be principally about what constitutes good paediatric first aid provision in settings.

Providers already know that they have to have sufficient first aiders to be able to respond quickly to emergencies and choking does of course need such a response. I will use this guidance to point out the dangers of using raw jelly in play with young children without sufficient supervision as an example of a choking hazard. In addition to the guidance, I committed to undertaking a review of the first aid requirements to see if there is any further action needed on this important issue.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,



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