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Dear Mrs Hunt,

Thank you for your letters of 25 October 2016 and 26 January, and for providing me with sight of the Report to Prevent Future Deaths following the inquest of Ms Jane Louise Reason. Unfortunately, your first letter seems to have been lost due to an administration error – I am terribly sorry for the delay in my reply.

I was extremely saddened to hear about the circumstances of Ms Reason's death. I read the Regulation 28 Report with great care. I agree that every consideration must be given in order to prevent, so far as we possibly can, tragedies of this nature occurring in our schools, colleges and other education institutions. I assure you that the safety and wellbeing of staff, and of those in their care, is a matter that my department takes very seriously.

My department published a guide on automated external defibrillators in April 2016, which is available at: tinyurl.com/zn82vva. Since this tragic incident, we have published new guidance that is more relevant to further education colleges. I shall be writing to the Association of Colleges to draw this guidance to the attention of their members.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

*Best wishes,
Justine*

RT HON JUSTINE GREENING MP