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THE PRIME MINISTER

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*Dear Graham*

Thank you for your letter of 4 July and for the work you have done for the Government over the last year on early intervention.

Your first report made a major impact on the debate around early intervention. In particular, your robust focus on the importance of using evidence-based programmes has helped inform Government policies such as the extension of the free childcare entitlement to 2 year olds, our expansion of the Family Nurse Partnership, and our retention and reform of the Sure Start network of Children Centres.

The recommendations and analysis contained in your second report are equally powerful. I strongly agree with your proposal that both the funding and delivery of early interventions should be a shared task between the public, private and voluntary sectors, and see the development of this sector as a great opportunity to apply the principles that underpin my desire to create the Big Society. As I mentioned when we met, I am supportive of the idea of setting up an independent foundation to accelerate and guide the development of the early intervention market, not least because I think it can help us transform the debate about child poverty. I will indeed speak to the Chancellor about what role Government funding could play in the creation of this new foundation, and I have asked my Ministers and officials to work with you constructively to explore the options available.

I know that the completion of your review is not the end of the road for your involvement in early intervention, and I wish you the best of luck in the next stage of your journey.

*Tim  
Dunne*

Mr Graham Allen MP