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Dear Ms Etchell-Anderson

Ofsted 2010–11 best practice survey: safeguarding in colleges

Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation, and that of your staff, during my visit on 14 October 2010 to look at your provision for safeguarding students.

The visit provided valuable information which will contribute to our publication about best practice in safeguarding in colleges. The publication will include case studies about individual providers. If Freeman College is included as a case study, you will have an opportunity to comment on the text prior to publication. Individual institutions will not be identified in the main text without their consent.

Features of good practice

- excellent safeguarding induction for new students
- very good risk assessment procedures that enable students to take part in potentially hazardous practical work
- excellent attention to safeguarding in staff recruitment and selection procedures
- outstanding communication between staff about students' safeguarding needs and very effective liaison with external agencies
- very good follow-up with individual learners of health and well-being aspects delivered within the curriculum.

Area for development

- Continue to develop safeguarding training for staff to ensure it is engaging and meets individual staff needs.

I hope that these observations are useful as you continue to develop safeguarding provision in the college.

As explained previously, a copy of this letter will be published on the Ofsted website. It will also be available to the inspection team for your next college inspection.

Yours sincerely

Sue Harrison
Her Majesty's Inspector