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Dear Lee

I am writing in support of the qualification NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Suicide Awareness (603/6063/X).

I am the curriculum manager for Early Years and oversee a variety of 10 FE courses and 2 HE courses within the children and young people sector. We have around 250 enrolments each year.

We believe this qualification is valuable for our learners because many of them want to work in the field of children's social work or mentoring as well as teaching. Mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression are increasing amongst our young people and we need to be able to equip the future workforce with the capability to address issues such as depression and suicide. Courses such as this that not only heighten awareness of mental health but also provide transferrable skills such as empathy and communication that are vital to training our future workforce so that they can support those in need.

Completion of this qualification will prepare learners to progress to the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in STEPS Towards Suicide Reduction, NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Mental Health (601/8968/X) or other mental health qualifications.

Each year we have around 45% of our learners progress directly into the workforce of children and young people and courses like this will provide them with the skills, knowledge and behaviours to deal appropriately with the increase in mental health issues.

I estimate that I would register 10-12 learners for qualification in year 1 with an increase in following years.

This qualification is suitable for anyone aged 16 and above.

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Yours faithfully,  
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