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Melanie Clayton Qualifications Developer NCFE Q6, Quorum Park Benton Lane Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 8BT

NCFE CACHE Level 4 Award in Early Years Emotional Wellbeing Qualification Number: 610/1707/3

Dear Melanie

I am writing to confirm that we recognise and support the above qualification and that it is suitable for learners aged 18 and upwards. I confirm that we fully support the NCFE CACHE Level 4 Award in Early Years Emotional Wellbeing Qualification Number: 610/1707/3 and it is suitable for delivery within Northern Ireland.

I am the Education Officer within Blackie River Centre. We are a community based organisation, located in the heart of West Belfast. We cater for a range of students - some are adult learners, who are returning to education or returning to the workforce after periods of unemployment. We also have students seeking CPD — and currently offer accredited courses to meet these needs.

We believe this qualification is particularly valuable and will meet the needs of our particular learners by providing additional knowledge and understanding of emotional well-being in early years' settings. Northern Ireland is specifically impacted by trauma, deprivation and ACE. Early Years Practitioners are becoming more aware of how these — along with many other factors — impact on children's development, so this course will increase their knowledge and understanding of emotional well-being, and how to best support families they are working with.

It will provide a recognised qualification forming part of their CPD. Successful completion of the course will enable practitioners to support families, children and colleagues. It forms a crucial aspect of their CPD.

We estimate that we would register 10 learners on this qualification in 2023/2024

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