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I am writing to you during this hugely challenging time to express my gratitude to you for your commitment to supporting children and vulnerable adults in police custody amidst this pandemic. Your perseverance, courage and continuing desire to help is greatly appreciated.

Appropriate Adults are a vital part of the criminal justice system and perform a key role in keeping the system going and avoiding miscarriages of justice.

I know that many Appropriate Adult schemes are under significant pressure at this time and facing considerable reductions in members' availability, but due to your efforts ability to meet demand remains high. I am hugely grateful for all of your work to ensure your services remain available. By continuing to support children and vulnerable adults in police custody, you are protecting some of the most vulnerable people in society and ensuring their rights continue to be respected.

I am copying this letter to DCC Nev Kemp, the NPCC lead for Custody, so he is aware of my appreciation.

Kit Malthouse MP
The Minister for Crime and Policing