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To Whom It May Concern

I have known and worked with Gary Anderson for a number of years. I have found him throughout this period to be an exemplary professional and a very trustworthy individual. Gary works within the school as a Life Skills Coach. He works with each student on a one to one basis and his impact on their overall development is nothing short of outstanding.

Gary works with students who have historically encountered multiple diverse challenges and continue to do so. Many of these students are wards of the Local Authority or living in homes which are in crisis. A number of these students are diagnosed with varying degrees of Autism while others exhibit SEMH (Social, Emotional, Mental Health) difficulties. These students are considered the most vulnerable and are from all over the country. He also works with students considered at very high risk of CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation).

As a result of the various difficulties these students face, Gary has to work with them on a number of areas, these include:

- Building Self Esteem
- Drug and Alcohol abuse
- Travel Training
- Keeping Safe in the Community
- Sexual awareness and safety
- Self-defense
- Communication and Interaction

These are just some of the areas Gary works with these students on and the impact of his work gives these students an opportunity to access academic achievement.

Gary approaches his work with a very quiet and calm demeanor, which not only engenders trust within his students, but also trust from all the staff and other professionals involved in the student's lives. He is always the ultimate professional, who goes the extra mile for all the students, whether he works with them closely or not.

On a personal level, Gary is as effective, making himself available to speak to his colleagues and being supportive. I have developed a very good relationship with this consummate professional and altogether decent human being.

Gary is a proactive practitioner who maintains an up to date awareness of developments in his



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field. He continues to develop his practice with on going training and professional development which has broadened his knowledge of appropriate interventions for individual clients.

I would unreservedly recommend Mr Gary Anderson for any employment in his chosen field.

Yours sincerely

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