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For the Attention
Re: Gary Anderson – Professional Reference

To offer some context to this reference, I am the Headteacher at Spring Hill High School, Birmingham. I have over twenty years' experience in the field of teaching, mental health and working with a wide range of client groups and complex issues. I am a qualified teacher and strategic leader of a large team of teachers and professionals working in a unique, holistic and integrative way, combining traditional teaching and inspirational creative learning for student years 7 to 13.

It is against this backdrop that I write the following reference for Mr Gary Anderson. I have known Gary for approximately five years.

In 2013 Gary started working for the school as a counsellor. Since then the work he has done has excelled in many areas, Gary has guided the school in many areas, one being to help develop and embed the life skills coaching programme which is embedded in the school's approach to holistic education. Gary's practice provides students with a counselling style that is unique to him. He has a very indirect approach to counselling which helps him to build trusting relationships with the students and their parents.

My experience of Gary is that he is a very warm, friendly and approachable individual. He values honesty and integrity very highly and demonstrates these qualities in his dealings with others. He is an intelligent, sensitive and compassionate person and I believe he will excel in his chosen field because he has a heartfelt desire to assist others to find their own solutions and reach their potential.

Gary's life story is phenomenal. I have heard it several times and every time I hear it there is always something that builds resilience and something that inspires.

Therefore, I wholeheartedly endorse his participation in working with young people from all backgrounds.

I hope this brief summary is adequate for your purposes of assessment, but should you require any further information or clarification, please don't hesitate to contact me again.

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Yours faithfully



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