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Dear Responsible Officer,

Qualifications Wales is conducting a sector review of qualifications and the qualifications system in Information and Communication Technology (ICT). As part of this review we will conduct a technical review where we wish to look at a sample of ICT qualifications delivered by recognised Awarding Bodies in Wales. We are focusing primarily on those which are taken by learners aged 14-19 or by learners on publicly funded apprenticeships. A team of ICT and assessment expert reviewers will look at specifications, assessment materials, quality assurance documentation and samples of learners assessed work.

The purpose of this technical review, as an element of the sector review, is to consider the effectiveness of a sample of assessment instruments in producing valid qualification outcomes. We will aim to triangulate our findings with evidence from stakeholder and learner engagement. This is not primarily a compliance activity – although should any significant concerns about non-compliance arise we would need to notify our Monitoring and Compliance team.

To assist us in carrying out our technical review we would be grateful if you could provide us with a full list of the ICT qualifications that you offer to learners aged 14-19, and/or for apprenticeships, in Wales. We would be grateful if you could highlight those qualifications you feel would be most relevant to include in our sample. The list should include qualifications that are currently designated and those that are about



to be submitted for designation. Where you list a qualification that has been recently updated we would be grateful if you could also identify the replacement qualification and provide a brief comment on the differences between the old specification and the new. From the lists provided by all relevant awarding bodies Qualifications Wales will select a sample of qualifications to include in our technical review.

Please would you provide this information by 30 June 2017 so that we may give you sufficient notice to provide materials where selected. Once we have identified the sample of qualifications to include we will request access to learner work, completed assessments and quality assurance documentation – and we will aim to issue these requests as soon as possible after 30 June.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the content of this communication, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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