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Dear Trudie Muir,

**Re: Chit Kuan Lao**

Thank you for contacting me in reference to Chit's application to Optimum Credit. The letter indicated that an employment reference was required, however I have never once employed Chit on the basis that she is my long term partner.

I am not sure if I am allowed to inform Chit of this letter, so I'm unsure as to how to respond.

However, Chit may have put me down as a reference in regards to her temporary absence from education and employment between June 2017 and February 2018. If this is what the request is in reference to, then I am willing to disclose the details surrounding these circumstances below.

There was a period during my PhD in which I fell very unwell with a stress related illness. Unfortunately this resulted in Chit having to postpone her planned MSc study at Aberystwyth University to look after me whilst I recovered.

Thankfully there has been no recurrence of the aforementioned issue, and she was able to find temporary employment and subsequently travelled to Leicester to complete her MSc after I was signed fit for work by the doctor.

Yours sincerely,

Keiron O'Shea