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To Whom it may concern,

Please may I express my support for the team at Abbeydale Vetlink in their development of an equine veterinary nursing assistant diploma course. As an equine veterinary clinic owner we place immense value on well trained and motivated staff, as they are a vital part protecting equine welfare. At present Welsh students have no local access to the equine veterinary nursing pathway. It is important that compassionate and enthusiastic young people are given the opportunity to enter our profession at all levels, and as the first step in career development this course will improve diversity and inclusion in our profession.

I have known the team at Abbeydale for over a decade and have found them to be professional, knowledgeable and passionate about teaching. Their students are well supported and graduate with a good balance of practical skills and theoretical knowledge.

The equine profession has lagged behind our small animal colleagues in recognising the importance of species specific training of veterinary nurses. Qualified staff improve the welfare of our patients and contribute greatly to the sustainability and financial security of our businesses. So the delivery of the L2 Veterinary Nursing Assistant - Equine for eligible apprenticeship learners (16+) course by a local, high standard education providers must be supported.

Yours Faithfully

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