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Dear Sir or Madam,

The University of Chichester believes passionately that higher education should be open to everyone who has the ability and potential to benefit from it, regardless of age, ethnicity, disability or family background. In addition, we are committed to providing a supportive and positive environment for all our students. We are therefore proud to take the Stand Alone Pledge to demonstrate our commitment to estranged students.

We have for many years recognised the additional financial and support challenges faced by estranged students and provide priority access to the University's Hardship Fund and compassionate consideration to 24/7 accommodation. Our Student Wellbeing Services have always been readily accessible to all our students.

In addition, as a result of this pledge, we undertake to enhance our support of estranged students as follows:

- Where an estranged student has self-identified and wishes to have additional support, we will offer both a named point of contact with the Student Money Advice Service and a named point of contact with the Student Wellbeing Adviser Team.
- We will increase the awareness of the challenges faced by estranged students and of the support available to them by including new elements in staff training and by regular publicity campaigns.

We will endeavour to work with Stand Alone to identify further areas of development, to promote our activities on behalf of estranged students, and to share the advice you are able to provide. To this end, we have appointed Dave Corcoran, Director of Student Support and Transition, as our Pledge Champion.

Yours faithfully,



**Professor Catherine Harper**  
**Deputy Vice-Chancellor**