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ACCELERATED PROGRESS PLAN FOLLOWING OFSTED AND CQC'S LOCAL AREA SEND REVISIT

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to thank you and your partners for your Accelerated Progress Plan (APP). We have reviewed the revisions you have made with your SEND and NHS England Advisers and have concluded that it sets out how you will tackle the remaining areas of weakness identified during your revisit and has been deemed fit for purpose.

As set out in the revised Ofsted framework, we expect your plan to be published locally so that children, young people and families can understand the actions you are taking.

Your six-month review meeting to assess progress against the action plan will take place in December 2022. I will be in touch to finalise arrangements. For the six-month review, we will need to see documentary evidence two weeks in advance of the meeting and will email nearer the time to set out what you should provide.

I am copying this letter to Andre Imich (DfE Lead Professional Adviser), Pat Tate (DfE Adviser), Lorraine Mulronev (National Specialist Advisor-SEND, NHS England) and Deborah Ward (NHS England Adviser).

Yours sincerely,

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