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Dear Ms Bultler

This letter is to inform Oxfordshire County Council and Clinical Commissioning Group as the principal authorities, that Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission have jointly evaluated the written statement of action submitted to us on 8 March 2017.

The statement of action is deemed to be fit for purpose in setting out how the local area will tackle the significant areas of weakness identified in the published report letter.

I note your vision and commitment to Oxfordshire's children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Your overarching aims and the outcomes you are seeking to achieve are clearly stated. Planning demonstrates a desire to increase the participation of children, young people and families, leading to a collaborative and person-centred approach to your work. Fresh clarity regarding roles and responsibilities, as well as accountabilities will support all of your work and will ensure that groups and individuals are held to account in a systematic manner that supports further improvement.

In places, the measures of success would benefit from greater detail and clarity. Occasionally the criteria appear to relate to the completion of an action rather than the intended impact the action will have. It will be important to ensure that reviews of progress focus on the impact of the steps taken.

The written statement of action must be published on local websites¹, so that parents, carers, children and young people can understand the actions you are taking to improve the effectiveness of the local area in identifying and meeting needs, and improving outcomes for children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. I note that you have already complied with this requirement.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Russell
Regional Director South East

¹ Regulation 4 (5); www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1792/regulation/4/made