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Dear Chris, Frances, and Daniel

### **Joint local area SEND inspection report**

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate you on the recent findings in your Ofsted and CQC SEND inspection report, published on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

I know that the findings in the report come as a result of a great deal of commitment and hard work from many people across the local area, including the Parent Carer Forum and I would like to take the opportunity to praise you all for your efforts and successes. Despite the challenges that the local area has faced through the pandemic, leaders have sustained their commitment, remained true to their values and maintained the momentum of continuous improvement.

I was particularly pleased to read that there are strong and trusting working relationships between partners which means that services are managed effectively across education, health, and social care; that Education, Health, and Care plans focus sharply on how to meet children and young people's needs; and that parents and carers influence and help leaders design and deliver improvements across a wide range of SEND services in the area.

Please continue to build on the good progress you have made and share your effective practice with others, as well as focusing on those areas where further development is still required.

I have asked our professional SEND Adviser, Judith Mobbs, and your DfE Case Lead, Chelsey Markow, to continue to be your links to the Department. If you have any questions or need any further support, please contact them in the first instance. Sophia Njiri will be your link to NHS England.

I am copying this letter to John Hooton (Chief Executive of Barnet Council), Theresa Villiers MP (Chipping Barnet), Mike Freer MP (Finchley and Golders Green), and Matthew Offord MP (Hendon).

Yours sincerely,

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