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Dear David and Gill,

Ofsted / CQC Local Area SEND Revisit report discussion: Swindon

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the findings in your Ofsted and CQC inspection revisit of SEND services in Swindon, which took place between 11 October 2021 and 13 October 2021. I read with great interest the findings in your recent report, published in November 2021.

I was very pleased to read about the positive actions taken in response to the Ofsted and CQC findings in January 2019 which have now led Ofsted/CQC to conclude you have addressed all eight areas of significant weakness.

I know that this positive revisit report comes as the result of a great deal of commitment and hard work on the part of the local authority, the Clinical Commissioning Groups, families and front-line staff across education, health and social care. I would like to thank you for all that you are doing to support some of the most vulnerable children and young people in society. I was pleased to read in the inspection report that under strong and determined leadership there has been a change in culture in the area and that SEND is now central to everyone's work. It is particularly pleasing to hear that the parent carer forum, SSFV, has made a significant difference and is a strength of the area.

Please continue to build on the good progress you have made, as well as focusing on those areas where further development is still required. For example: ensuring that the provision described in education and health care plans relates to the distinct needs and aspirations of the individual child.

Emma Brown, DfE Case Lead, and Keith Thompson, DfE SEND Adviser, will retain their role as your main link to the DfE. If you have any questions or need any further support, please contact them in the first instance. Graham Carr will continue to be your link to NHS England.

I am copying this email to Cllr David Renard, Leader of the Council, Susie Kemp, Chief Executive, and to the MPs in the local area.

Kind regards,

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