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Dear Sarah, Janet and Elizabeth,

**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 in May 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 leaders have robust joint commissioning arrangements and that the voice of children, young people and their families is important to leaders when developing services. I also noted that transition at key points in education is consistently well managed by professionals and that young people with SEND are prepared well for adulthood.

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, James Ellis, 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 and Steven Trowbridge are your link to NHS England.

I am copying this letter to Barry Quirk (Chief Executive of Kensington and Chelsea Council), Felicity Buchan MP (Kensington), and Greg Hands MP (Chelsea and Fulham).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Quince". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

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