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Dear Mr Haley

This letter is written in accordance with The Children Act 2004 (Joint Area Reviews) Regulations 2015¹ to inform Swindon and Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group, as principal authorities, that Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission have jointly evaluated the written statement of action submitted to us on 15 April 2019.

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 that the statement of action considers the eight areas of significant weakness that were identified in the published report. The plan includes named officers and sets out their agreed roles and responsibilities. It is clear from the plan that the local area is committed to working with the area's clinical commissioning group and a range of stakeholders including schools, health services and social care. The inclusion of a glossary of terms and abbreviations used in the action plan is helpful to all professionals who will be working with you to bring about your improvement strategy.

The commitment of the local area to include representation from parents, carers, children and young people is clearly evident in the work that you have already undertaken. For example, you have met with parents and carers to start to address their concerns and issues. In addition, you consulted with young people on this written statement of action. Your intention to continue to drive forward improvements in communication with all stakeholders is threaded through each aspect of your planned work.

The success criteria and milestones of your actions are appropriate. Typically, there are clear and programmed timescales set out in the progress action tracker. The

¹ The Children Act 2004 (Joint Area Reviews) Regulations 2015
www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1972/regulation/4/made.

milestones, if implemented effectively, should enable effective monitoring of the improvements urgently required for your children, young people and their families.

Thank you for the work that you and your team have put into this plan.

Yours sincerely,

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