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Carol Cammiss, Director of Children's Services, Wokingham Borough Council
Cathy Winfield, Chief Officer, Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group
Jo Jolly, Local Area Nominated Officer, Wokingham Borough Council

Dear Ms Cammiss and Dr Winfield

This letter is written in accordance with The Children Act 2004 (Joint Area Reviews) Regulations 2015¹ to inform Wokingham Borough Council and Berkshire West Commissioning Group, as principal authorities, that Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission have jointly evaluated the written statement of action submitted to us on 13 August 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 your joined-up commitment to Wokingham children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) across education, health and care. Your planning demonstrates a clear aspiration to increase the opportunities for co-production with children, young people and their parents in your development work. You helpfully identify the lead officers who will take responsibility for different aspects of the plan.

Some aspects of the plan would benefit from greater clarity. Throughout the plan the evaluation of success is often related to the completion of actions rather than the impact these actions will have on improving outcomes for children and young people with SEND. Sharpening this aspect of the plan will enable your management

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

information and evaluation to be more tightly focused on the progress you are making towards improving outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

The written statement of action must be published on local websites², 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.

Yours sincerely,

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² Regulation 4 (5); www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1792/regulation/4/made