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Mr Steve Kay  
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Rob Walsh, Chief Executive, NE Lincolnshire Council and NE Lincolnshire CCG  
Roz Danks, Local Area Nominated Officer, NE Lincolnshire Council

Dear Mr Kay

This letter is written in accordance with The Children Act 2004 (Joint Area Reviews) Regulations 2015<sup>1</sup> to inform North East Lincolnshire Council and North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) as principal authorities, that Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission have jointly evaluated the written statement of action submitted to us on 11 December 2018.

The statement of action is deemed to be fit for purpose in setting out how the local area will tackle the significant weaknesses identified in the published report letter.

I note the actions you are taking to strengthen the leadership and management of the local area's arrangements for identifying and meeting the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

The actions in your plan link closely to the areas for improvement we identified during the inspection. All actions have clear and measurable outcomes and the timescales for securing improvement are realistic and suitably phased. You have strengthened the governance of the local area's SEND arrangements, and oversight of the plan is strong.

The plan would be further strengthened by specifying more clearly how education, health and care plans will be co-produced with children, young people and families and, importantly, how you will evaluate the contribution they make to these plans.

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<sup>1</sup> The Children Act 2004 (Joint Area Reviews) Regulations 2015  
[www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1972/regulation/4/made](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1972/regulation/4/made).

The written statement of action must be published on local websites<sup>2</sup>, 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

**Cathy Kirby HMI**  
**Regional Director, North East, Yorkshire and Humber**

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<sup>2</sup> Regulation 4 (5); [www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1792/regulation/4/made](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1792/regulation/4/made)