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Stuart North, Clinical Commissioning Group, Chief Officer  
Jane Whittam, local area nominated officer

Dear Karen

This letter is written in accordance with The Children Act 2004 (Joint Area Reviews) Regulations 2015<sup>1</sup> to inform Bury Metropolitan Borough Council and the Bury 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 31 October 2017.

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.

The written statement of action accurately sets out the actions that will be undertaken to address the identified areas of weakness. It is clear that these actions are to be led by Bury Metropolitan Borough Council and Bury Clinical Commissioning Group. The inspectors are happy to note the level of co-production that has taken place in producing this statement of action.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andrew Cook'.

Andrew Cook HMI  
Regional Director, North West

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

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