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Dear Maggie

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

I note that the governance arrangements are robust and that the monitoring arrangements are appropriate. It is encouraging to see that the statement of action has been co-produced and that the challenges have been divided into realistic timelines.

The statement of action could be further improved by having clearer outcomes. In some instances, the outcomes are activity based rather than what the end result will be.

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

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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)

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 (SEN) and/or disabilities.

Yours sincerely,



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