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Dear Sir Derek,

Thank you for the first six month progress report in relation to the joint DCLG/DfE statutory intervention in Rotherham, and for you and Malcolm Newsam coming to discuss this on 1 September.

We are encouraged that good progress is being made in putting the building blocks in place to improve both children's services and the rest of the Council following the fundamental failings identified in the Jay report and Casey review. We note that you consider there are some strong headwinds but we hope that these do not hinder significantly the further work needed to deliver the necessary improvements to the council to ensure the people of Rotherham have the council and services they rightly expect and deserve.

We are very grateful for all the work you and the Commissioners have done and continue to do, which is of crucial importance to the people of Rotherham.

Yours sincerely,

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