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Dear Sharon

Ending of DCSF formal engagement with Herefordshire

I am writing to notify you of the decision to end the DCSF formal engagement with Herefordshire as a result of the poor Joint Area Review in 2005.

In the view of the Minister the improvement in outcomes for children and young people in the last 18 months is significant and that services are now adequate or better across the five ECM outcome areas.

May I add my congratulations to all the staff in Herefordshire for the progress that has been made.

I would also like to confirm that on behalf of DCSF and Government Office I would like to meet with you and your team on a quarterly basis to review progress in implementing your priorities as outlined in the Children and Young People's Plan and in other agreed priority areas.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

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