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Dear Jacqui Henderson CBE,

I am writing following the assessment of Northumberland College by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner. The College was escalated to Commissioner led intervention following the Diagnostic Assessment of April 2018. The assessment took place on 18 July 2018.

I am pleased to hear the College recognises the importance for Northumberland College to explore the full range of strategic options through a FEC led Structural and Prospects Appraisal (SPA).

It is important that whilst the SPA is taking place, the College continues to put in place the necessary actions to implement the FEC Team's recommendations.

I have accepted all of the recommendations of the Commissioner and a summary of the initial assessment is provided with this letter. This document and my letter will be published on gov.uk.

Please confirm, in writing, by Tuesday 9th October 2018 what actions you are taking to address all of the recommendations and your timetable for doing so.

If you have any questions about the FE Commissioner's assessment or this letter, please contact the Commissioner at FE.Commissioner@education.gov.uk in the first instance.

We have written separately to all the following, local MPs who may have learners attending the college from their constituency to inform them of the FE Commissioners findings: Ian Lavery, Wansbeck; Guy Opperman, Hexham; Anne-Marie Trevelyan, Berwick upon Tweed; Ronnie Campbell, Blyth Valley and Chi Onwurah, Newcastle Central.

Best wishes
Anne Milton

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