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Roger Wilson  
Chair of Governors  
Shrewsbury Colleges Group  
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Dear Mr Wilson,

I am writing following the intervention assessment of Shrewsbury Colleges Group by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner on 22 to 23 September 2020. The FE Commissioner's team undertook the assessment following the college being awarded an Inadequate rating by Ofsted in its March 2020 report.

The FE Commissioner has found that Shrewsbury Colleges Group has quickly recognised the need to improve safeguarding measures and has made significant strides towards addressing areas for improvement identified by Ofsted. That said, I remain concerned by the outstanding issues that threaten the college's immediate and long-term future. I urge you to implement the FE Commissioner's recommendations, including the development of a new strategic plan for the college, implementation of senior leadership development plans, and the appointment of a successor to the safeguarding lead to the board. .

I have accepted all the recommendations of the FE Commissioner. A copy of the assessment is provided with this letter.

The assessment and my letter will be published on gov.uk. Once confirmed, the intended publication date will be shared with you.

I have written separately to the following local MPs, whose constituencies are served by the college, to inform them of the FE Commissioner's findings:

- Daniel Kawczynski MP Shrewsbury and Atcham
- Owen Paterson MP North Shropshire
- Mark Pritchard MP The Wrekin
- Lucy Allan MP Telford
- Phillip Dunne MP Ludlow
- Craig Williams MP Montgomeryshire

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gillian', with a large, stylized flourish on the left side.

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