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Bob Harrison and Clive Macdonald
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Dear Mr Harrison and Mr Macdonald,

I am writing following the intervention assessment of Northern College by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner on 17th March 2021, which took place following a diagnostic assessment visit in February of this year.

From the Commissioner's report, it is clear that the college faces a number of challenges, including a significant shortfall in enrolments and income.

I urge the college to implement the Commissioner's recommendations, including engaging with the team for a Structure and Prospects appraisal, and continuing to work closely with the ESFA.

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:

- Dan Jarvis MP
 - Stephanie Peacock MP
 - Miriam Cates MP
 - John Healey MP
- Barnsley Central
Barnsley East
Penistone and Stocksbridge
Wentworth and Dearne

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gillian Keegan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. The signature is written in a cursive style with several loops and a trailing line.

Gillian Keegan MP
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