



Department for  
Communities and  
Local Government

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c/o Troubled Families

**INDEPENDENT INSPECTION OF ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH  
COUNCIL**

When appointing you as the person to carry out an inspection of the compliance of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council with the requirements of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation to certain of the authority's functions, the Secretary of State directed you to report the findings of the inspection to the Secretary of State by 30 November 2014 or such later date as you may agree with the Secretary of State.

I am now writing to inform you that the Secretary of State has agreed such a later date of on or before 16 January 2015.

The Secretary of State recognises the need for the inspection to be carried out as rapidly as possible. It is equally essential that the victims get the most thorough report possible and that no stone is left unturned. Hence, the timing the Secretary of State has now agreed, and he is confident that this will result in a robust and thorough report that the victims have the right to expect.

Yours sincerely

**Paul Rowsell**