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House of Commons  
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*Dear Graham*

**Appointment of the next Children's Commissioner for England**

As you know, the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments has been leading a recruitment exercise to allow me to appoint a new Children's Commissioner for England when the term of office of the current Commissioner, Maggie Atkinson, comes to an end on 28 February 2015.

The recruitment exercise has now been completed and I am writing to invite your committee to hold a pre-appointment hearing with my preferred candidate: Anne Longfield.

Anne has emerged as the strongest candidate from a very competitive field and following an independent and rigorous recruitment exercise. This involved two rounds of interviews and meetings between short-listed candidates and a panel of children and young people whose views have been taken into account in our conclusions.

I attach for your information a copy of the job advertisement, the job specification, a description of the recruitment process and a copy of Anne's CV which accompanied her application. If your committee would like further details on any points, please contact Anna Balm on 02073407477.

I shall look forward to receiving the Education Select Committee's conclusions and advice on the appointment in due course.

*Yours well*  
*Nicky*

Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP