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Dear Paul,

Thank you for your reply of 9 October to my letter of 7 October, with your comments on the draft statutory direction requiring you to cooperate with a Commissioner for Children's Social Care in Rotherham.

I am very pleased that you welcome the appointment of the Commissioner – Malcolm Newsam. I am confident that, working together with you, he will make a sizeable difference to services to children in Rotherham. Malcolm will report to me in early November this year and early January next year and I will be ready to act on any recommendations that he makes in order to ensure that children and young people are protected in Rotherham.

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