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Dear Colleagues

I am writing to inform you of some changes to EFA and SFA senior management teams working with institutions.

For some months now, the Education Funding Agency (EFA) and the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) have been working increasingly closely together on assessing risk in relation to providers, especially financial risks, and on intervention to help prevent or remedy significant difficulties in individual institutions. The key drivers for this have been the need to deliver an ambitious programme of Area Reviews, and also to make more effective use of our resources working across a largely shared provider base. In addition to being Director for Young People in EFA, I have been appointed as Director for Intervention for the Skills Funding Agency, providing leadership for risk assessment and intervention work across both agencies.

From 1 April, we have extended our joint working by bringing together EFA and SFA staff under six deputy directors who will have combined responsibilities on risk assessment and intervention across both agencies. Karen Riley, Paul Lucken, Paul Williamson and David Jeffrey - will lead teams with territorial responsibilities as follows:

Paul Williamson – North (North West, North East, Yorkshire and the Humber) Karen Riley – Central and East (East Midlands, West Midlands, South East Midlands and East Anglia)

Paul Lucken – South West and South (South West, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire & the Isle of Wight)

David Jeffrey – London and South East (London, Surrey, East & West Sussex, Kent, Hertfordshire, Essex)

Nick Rashley will lead a central team. Catherine Christie will continue to lead the Area Review Delivery Unit.

This is not a merger between the agencies. Staff will continue to be employed by either EFA or SFA, and will act on behalf of one of the two Secretaries of State for Business, Innovation and Skills and Education respectively. Contact details in terms of email addresses and telephone numbers for EFA and SFA are unaffected and remain as now.

Bringing staff together across EFA and SFA will enable us to work more efficiently to:

- identify institutions at risk through use of analytical tools and local intelligence
- intervene to prevent or remedy significant difficulties in individual institutions
- support the delivery of Area Reviews and support implementation of their agreed recommendations

I hope you find this communication of interest.

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Yours sincerely

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