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Dear Ros,

**DONCASTER CHILDREN'S SERVICES: REVOCATION OF STATUTORY
DIRECTION IN DONCASTER**

My predecessor, Nadhim Zahawi MP, wrote to you in March 2019 stating that pending a positive review of the transfer to new Trust governance arrangements, he was minded to revoke the statutory direction issued on 19 September 2014. There were no representations submitted against the proposed revocation.

Malcolm Newsam spoke of the positive work undertaken in his review (September 2019), and I am aware this has continued in the last year against the backdrop of the pandemic. In recognition of your commitment to the new arrangements and the progress made I am content to revoke the statutory direction of 19 September 2014, as well as the statutory direction dated 17 June 2016. This letter is issued under s.570 of the Education Act 1996 to formally end the intervention in Doncaster as of 31 January 2021.

I would like to thank the Council and Trust and all working with children and families for their hard work that has supported the transformation of children's services in Doncaster.

I am copying this letter to Damian Allen, Chief Executive DMBC, Riana Nelson, DCS, Tony Hunter, Chair DCST, James Thomas, Chief Executive DCST.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicky Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

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