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Dear

Ofsted and CQC visit to [insert]

Following the Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) joint visit to [local area name], I write on behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills and [the Chief Inspector of Primary Medical Services and Integrated Care of CQC] to summarise the visit's findings. Thank you for the time you made available to participate in this thematic visit on alternative provision (AP).

Ofsted carried out this visit under a section 118(2) request from the Department for Education. The CQC provided assistance to Ofsted under paragraph 9(1) of schedule 4 to the Health and Social Care Act 2008.

The visit was carried out as part of a thematic review, the outcome of which will be aggregated into a national report to support whole-system improvement. This national report will be published on Ofsted's and CQC's websites. It was not a graded inspection.

Thank you for contributing valuable information. During the visit, we spoke to local area leaders, children and young people attending AP, their families, and the education, health and care professionals who work with them. We examined relevant documents and visited a sample of alternative providers.

Context

The purpose of this series of visits is to aggregate insights from across the AP system, to learn from existing practice and to identify opportunities for improvement.

You can find more information about how inspectors carried out the visit at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/thematic-reviews-of-alternative-provision-in-local-areas>

During the visit, you told us that:

[Here we will set out what inspectors were told during the visit.]

Next steps

We will use the information we have gathered when writing the national report that sets out our findings. We plan to publish this in Autumn 2023.

Yours sincerely

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His Majesty's Inspector, Ofsted

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