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Dear Merlin

Inspection of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council children's services - Improvement Plan

Thank you for sending me a copy of your local authority's improvement plan, following the standard inspection under the ILACS framework in January and February this year.

As you will be aware, Ofsted is not responsible for signing the action plan off or for endorsing it; this is your responsibility as the Director of Children's Services. However, I can confirm that it satisfactorily reflects the areas identified for improvement in the inspection report and that it identifies clear actions to address these areas to improve the services for children in Oldham.

We will consider the progress that you have made, and the difference that the actions taken have made to children's experiences, when we meet for the annual conversations in October 2019 and early 2020.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Cook HMI
Regional Director, North West