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Dear Graham

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you and Deborah Driffield, Interim Assistant Director – Children's services for attending the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on 11 June 2019 to present the **Children's Services Quarter Four Performance report** and **Directorate Delivery Plan**.

The Committee have asked that I pass on their sincere thanks and appreciation for the open and honest approach taken to discussing performance issues. Members welcomed the Interim Assistant Director views on areas that would benefit from future analysis by the Committee.

During the question and answer session of the meeting, Officers were not able to fully respond to Members questions, I would therefore be please if you could provide the following information:

- A copy of the recent letter sent to the First Minister, to be sent to the Chairman,
- Details of those children who have Sensory problems and how they are supported to attend the school of their choice.
- A briefing paper on the outcome from the follow-up calls made to potential foster carers.
- A briefing paper on the development of the Young Carers strategy/plan.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Committee will be developing its work programme over the summer and the Chairman will be asking to meet with the Director and Interim Assistant Director to discuss areas for further scrutiny.

I hope that these comments, advice and requests for future reports, will be of use and will help support you and the Directorates work in improving outcomes for children. The Committee looks forward to receiving a response to this letter within the next month.

Yours sincerely



CC: Claire Marchant – Director of Social Services

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