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Dear Minister

**Ofsted ILACS inspection of Bradford's Children's Services**

Thank you for your letter of 31 October. I can assure you that Bradford Council is committed to making sure that all our children have the best possible start in life and the opportunity to fulfil their potential. So we are extremely disappointed that our recent Ofsted inspection found that the services we deliver to protect the most vulnerable are not meeting the high standards our children deserve.

As your letter recognises, we have already started to address concerns raised in the inspection, building on the plans we already had in place and we will be working with Ofsted and your Department to develop a strong improvement plan. Everyone at the Council is committed to making sure we work as quickly as we can to improve our services so we meet our ambitions for Bradford's children.

I am grateful to you for providing the support of an Improvement Advisor. We will also be working closely with the Local Government Association and other "Partner in Practice" authorities to ensure that we have the internal and external capacity we need to ensure our services for the children of the district are at least good by the time of our next inspection. We are content with the terms of the Improvement Notice attached to your letter.

Yours sincerely



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