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Dear lain,

Thank you for your email of 22 October, enclosing correspondence from your constituents, about the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) Review, outlining the support they would like the government to put in place to support deaf children.

Our ambition for children and young people with SEND is exactly the same as for every other child or young person. We want them to be able to reach their full potential and receive the right support to succeed in their education and as they move into adult life.

I am grateful to you for bringing these issues to my attention and to your constituents for setting out their recommendations to improve the support for children and young people who are deaf. I have passed these onto the SEND Review team for their consideration.

I fully recognise the point your constituents make in relation to education, health and care (EHC) plans. The SEND Review is looking at a range of measures in relation to the SEND system, including EHC plans. This is to help ensure outcomes for children and young people improve, including how support could be better met through greater early intervention and improved support for children and young people, so that they get the right support at the right time.

We are continuing to work closely with system leaders, children and young people, parents and a wide range of SEND sector organisations to inform our thinking and develop proposals. The Review remains a high priority for this government, and we will publish proposals in the first three months of 2022.

Thank you for writing about this important matter. I hope that your constituents will find this reply useful.

Kind regards,

Will Quince MP Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families