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Dear Colleague,

We hope you are keeping well and safe. We wanted to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you across the safeguarding partnership. We know that without all of you carrying out your critical roles in the frontline, many vulnerable children and families would have suffered even greater stresses and hardship.

It has been a year defined by what is likely to be the biggest healthcare crisis of our lifetime. It has been a difficult period for many, and we know that you have felt stretched and overwhelmed at times. You have told us that the support of your co-workers and your personal commitment to make a difference, has powered you through the most challenging months. As such, you have set an extraordinary example of public service, professionalism, and solidarity. We are truly inspired and thankful for your commitment.

Many of you that have been affected directly by coronavirus, or indirectly through those in your lives who have been ill. Sadly, grief has also touched many of us over the last year. We cannot make up for the loss of life and the emotional strain caused by social isolation from friends and loved ones but we hope that the coming months will provide an opportunity to meet together in person and reflect on the challenges we have overcome together.

We would like to acknowledge the innovative ways in which you took up the mantle to re-imagine the delivery of education, safeguarding, health, policing, housing, youth services and community care. The work you carry out as a vital member of the CSCP stretches far beyond statutory duty but cuts through to the heart of the local community. We would also like to recognise the exceptional efforts of staff working behind the scenes. You have come up with innovative and practical tools to enable things to work better and agilely for colleagues and service users in order to maintain access to essential services. We are very grateful for the collective efforts of colleagues who have worked incredibly hard to *keep vulnerable children visible*, by ensuring face-to-face contact was maintained for those most at risk of harm. There is no doubt that the pandemic will bring about irreversible changes in the ways that we think and work.

In our roles, we know that many children and young people experience difficult home environments and that these circumstances are likely to have been amplified by the measures in place to control the virus. We recognise that the disproportionate inequalities experienced during the weeks of school closure, will be felt for the foreseeable future. Therefore our response as a partnership will be ambitious in order address the complex challenges ahead.

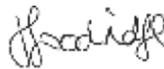
In the coming months, our Health colleagues will continue to roll-out the Covid-19 vaccination programme at the unparalleled pace and scale we have seen to date. Our schools are now fully open to all students, and as lockdown restrictions ease further, vulnerable children will continue to be at the centre of our plans. As a safeguarding partnership, we enter Spring 2021 with optimism and confidence that the *road map out of lockdown*, will bring about improvements in our own lives and for those we strive to protect, care for and support.

Once again, we would like to thank you for the support you have provided to our Camden children during the pandemic and look forward to seeing more of you in person as the year progresses.

Yours sincerely



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