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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to confirm the details of the LA commissioned external review of our provision for young people with a Hearing Impairment. This work will be carried out by the National Deaf Children's Society, and will be funded by the LA. This is one of a number of external reviews to help us shape and improve our services within the SEND area.

As a provider of specialist provision, a selection of schools will be a core part of the review.

The Society are using one of their consultants, (Tina Wakefield), to carry out this work. Below is a short biography:

Tina Wakefield is an Educational Consultant working mainly with NDCS and NatSIP. She undertakes reviews of provision both for schools and local authorities, delivers specialist courses, and acts as a national consultant.

Recent reviews of provision include – review of peripatetic services in a LA, review of service for deaf children in a London borough, review of integrated resources for sensory impairment in two academies.

Tina trained initially in psychology before qualifying first as a teacher and then a teacher for deaf children. She has long experience with deaf children in various settings, and prior to working as a consultant she was the Inclusion Manager for Sheffield LA – a role that included managing the Service for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Children.

She has for many years been an active contributor to national statutory assessment, and inclusion issues working with the Department of Education and other agencies. She has also recently been a governor of one of the largest NHS trusts in the country, where she had special interest in disability and children's health issues. She is a member of the editorial board of the Journal: Deafness International.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss further. We look forward to working on this project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Kilgallon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Kilgallon

Director of Learning & System Leadership