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Dear Cathie

Thank you for your letter of 5 October 2015 inviting DE officials to attend the Committee for Employment and Learning to provide a joint briefing with Department of Employment and Learning (DEL) officials on the possibility of bringing forward an amendment to the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Bill to increase the 'Statemending' age to 21 or 25 years old for individuals who may require it, similar to the current legislation in England.

I can advise that Caroline Gillan, Director of Access, Inclusion and Wellbeing will attend the Committee meeting on Monday 19 October. I would be grateful if you would advise me of the venue and time for attendance.

Yours sincerely

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