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Dear Carolyn

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 November 2024 regarding Caleb's Cause Nt.

I fully support the Belfast City Council motion to support Caleb's Cause NI to aid Alma's efforts to improve transitional support for children with disabilities and/or Special Education Needs (SEN). I recognise the urgent need for collaboration on this matter across a number of departments which will include Health.

I met with Alma White on Tuesday 15 October 2024 to discuss Post-19 Special Educational Needs provision and the lack of associated legislation. I fully support her efforts to improve transitional support for her son and other children with special educational needs. I have committed my support to Alma and to working with the Department for Economy as they explore options for legislative change.

While we need to be mindful of what can be achieved in this mandate, we should not be deterred from exploring opportunities to deliver better outcomes.

Yours sincerely

Mike Nesbitt MLA Minister of Health