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### **Special Educational Needs Provision**

Your correspondence of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024, to the Minister for Communities, has been forwarded to me for answer.

I first met Ms Alama White in June 2024 to hear about Caleb's Cause NI, and my officials engage with her on a regular basis, so we are very familiar with the issues in relation to post-school provision for young people with special educational needs and her campaign for legislation.

I am committed to ensuring that every young person can access opportunities to fulfil their potential. Therefore, I have tasked my officials with scoping the existing provision and providing me with options to improve access and outcomes for our young people with special educational needs, and this includes considering the legislative protections.

These are complex and cross-cutting issues, and I can assure the Council that my officials are working closely with all the other relevant Departments on them. In addition, along with the departments for Education, Health, and Communities, we have submitted a bid to the Interim Transformation Fund to strengthen skills and training provision and support for young people with Special Educational Needs.

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