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Dear Joanna and John

As the Secretariat organisation for the Health Conditions in School Alliance I want to thank you for the positive meeting with members of the Alliance to discuss how to ensure schools and inspectors check on school's support for children with medical conditions.

#### Safeguarding document

I'm encouraged to learn that you are supportive of the need to strengthen the safeguarding document to ensure inspectors are equipped to ask the right questions with regards to medical conditions, during their discussions with senior school leads.

We too agree that the most relevant document in which to reference this information is in the safeguarding document as a child's safety and wellbeing should be considered as a safeguarding requirement.

As promised, please find the Alliance's proposed amendments to the safeguarding document and the section 5 handbook. Collectively we have looked at these two documents very closely and have found that aside from the initial reference to medical conditions, on page 6 of the '*Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills settings*' document, inspectors are not provided further guidance on how to check that schools are meeting their statutory obligation to support pupils with medical conditions. Our proposed minor changes to these documents would ensure inspectors are prompted to ask the right questions during their discussions.

#### Amending the statutory guidance

You suggested speaking to DfE about amending the statutory guidance to include a requirement on schools to publish their medical conditions policies on their school's webpage. We are very supportive of this and agree with you that it will go a long way towards ensuring schools have these policies in place and as you pointed out, it will also ensure Ofsted inspectors are mindful to check for these policies. We would be grateful if you could update us after you met with them, regarding this request.

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### **Inspector training**

We were also very encouraged to hear that you too recognise that educating inspectors on the statutory guidance as part of their training is essential and we look forward to getting details of how your termly online training has incorporated this information.

### **Video**

We will share with you the video we have collectively produced in the coming days which we hope will be a useful training tool. We would equally be happy to provide input to your training programme.

It was also suggested that you include in your School Inspectors Update communication in March an item on the HCSA's Safe in School Campaign. As requested please find our website link here:

<http://medicalconditionsatschool.org.uk/>

We would be grateful if you could provide a time frame for when the safeguarding document would be reviewed and when the e-training will be updated.

We look forward to hearing your response to our proposed amendments to the inspection documents and to continuing to work with you to achieve the best possible outcomes for children with medical conditions and their families.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Askew', written over a long horizontal line that extends to the right.

**Chris Askew**  
**Chief Executive**