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Dear Sam and Paula,

Thank you for meeting with us on the 11 October to further discuss how we can work together to respond to the concerns raised by mASCot members in your recent survey. We are aware that it is important for us to provide a response that you can share with your members, and I hope this letter will provide reassurance of our commitment to address the issues highlighted in the survey through the establishment of a new Autism working group.

It was agreed when we met that there would be a new children and young people's working group for Autism co-chaired by the ICB and the Local Authority. We understand that the new Autism group was raised on the agenda at the last ND action group and in a meeting with SPFT. We also believe that Matt Thomas, Senior Children's Mental Health Commissioning Manager for Brighton, has been in communication with you with regards to the frequency and the agenda for the group and that a meeting has now been arranged for the 27 November.

I have also spoken to Becky Robinson, the Chair of PaCC, regarding the SEN Caseworker workshop. PaCC's Participation worker will be in contact with you soon to facilitate your contribution to the writing of the SEN Caseworker training session which is due to take place on the 5th December. We will also be exploring with you through the new Autism working group other training that may be required for the teams in health and the Council.

If parents/carers are unable to get in contact with their SEN Casework Officer, they can contact the SEN Casework Managers that oversee each of the teams via the email address below:

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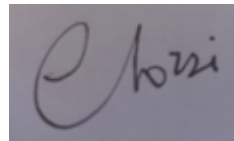
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It is important that we ensure the lived experience of families who have Autistic children and young people are heard. We very much hope that by working with you to establish a new children and young people's Autism working group and by providing further training in neurodiversity to our workforce we will further improve our understanding and services to support your community.



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