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I am writing to inform you of the Government's view of the position of New College Nottingham in the light of ongoing FE Commissioner and Skills Funding Agency monitoring since the FE Commissioner's initial assessment.

As you will be aware, the FE Commissioner's assessment in February 2015 identified a number of actions for the college to take to deliver improved financial management, address issues with data management and deliver quality improvement. In addition to these measures, the FE Commissioner recommended a city-wide review of technical and professional education in Nottingham to consider opportunities for improving value for money and delivering better outcomes for learners and employers in the area.

I would like to thank you for addressing these issues and for the college's engagement with the review of technical and professional education in Nottingham. I am aware of the commitment that both New College and Central College have made to the review process in order to ensure the learners in the city have access to high quality provision and I welcome the agreement of both to merge to form a single college by August 2016.

In the light of subsequent monitoring by the FE Commissioner and his team of progress against the recommendations made as part of the initial assessment, and on the basis that the college has decided to merge with Central College Nottingham, I have decided to bring the formal FE Commissioner intervention process to an end. The Skills Funding Agency will shortly write to you about its continuing monitoring process which will remain in place during the implementation phase of the merger.

I wish you every success with the continued improvement of New College Nottingham and the subsequent merger with Central College Nottingham. You should note that we will be publishing this letter on www.gov.uk.

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