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Dear Mr Anderson

Thank you for your letters of 28 November and 7 December 2018 to Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, Amanda Spielman. I have been asked to respond in my capacity as Deputy Director, Further Education and Skills.

I am sorry to read that you are disappointed at some of our communications. We consider that we have made it clear in our communications and transactions that Ofsted's inspections cover level 2 to 5 apprenticeships. Our inspectors are very clear about this and our inspection reports reflect that. Furthermore, we find that those we inspect are clear about it. We were pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to the UVAC conference on 22 November 2018, where our apprenticeship specialist adviser, Chris Jones, explained the above, and we have done the same on many other occasions.

It is always helpful to receive feedback on our information and processes, so thank you for writing to us.

I wish you a pleasant and restful break over the festive season.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P.A. Joyce", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paul Joyce HMI
Deputy Director, Further Education and Skills