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Dear Children's Trust Colleagues

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and to thank you all for your hard work this year.

I think you will agree that 2011 has been an exceptionally busy year for us all. However, all of our hard work is driving our improvement agenda forward. I am delighted to tell you that the recent Peer Review was very positive about the improvements that have been made within our strategic and operational management and practice.

Our Plans for 2012 include working much more closely with the clinical commissioning consortia (the new GP commissioners); whilst concurrently working with and looking to integrate, where appropriate, service provision with our health partners. We will be continuing to develop the services to schools programme, working with both our maintained schools, academies and free schools. Between January and March the Children's Leadership Group (CLG) will be developing, with partners, the 2012-13 Children's Plan we are also anticipating that at some point in 2012 we will undergo a full Safeguarding & Looked After Children (SLAC) Inspection.

As you can see we will be busy next year so in view of this if you are taking a break over the festive season – relax and enjoy! For those of you who are working during this time to provide essential support to children, young people and families – thank you!

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