

# Getting prepared for our SEND inspection

Ofsted

Care Quality  
Commission

Leicestershire  
SEND



NHS

Leicestershire  
County Council

Dear colleague,

As you're aware Leicestershire is anticipating an area SEND inspection by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

This inspection will cover the county council, NHS, schools, early years settings and independent providers.

This is an unannounced inspection and could be called **as early as Monday 13 January.**

During the first week, Inspectors will be reviewing all of our data, our self-evaluation and key strategies and policies. The following week, inspectors will arrive on site.

In advance of this, I have attached our self-evaluation. This is a comprehensive reflection of all the hard work we're doing together across our organisations.

I'd also like to particularly highlight our strengths and areas for development which are summarised on the attached PDF. This might be a useful document to share within your organisation. Inspectors will be checking our understanding of this when they're here.

Finally, the inspection is a great opportunity for our teams to celebrate our excellent work in Leicestershire – and share good practice. I am urging staff within the council to speak with passion and ambition about our children and young people and I hope you'll join me in doing the same as we welcome the inspectors.

I will advise you as soon as we have heard from the inspectors about their timetable.

With best wishes,

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