

Getting prepared for our SEND inspection



Date: 27 January 2020

We have now had notification of a SEND inspection by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC). The inspection starts today for two weeks.

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

During this first week, Inspectors will be reviewing our data, self-evaluation and key strategies and policies. Next week, inspectors will arrive on site.

The inspection is a great opportunity to celebrate our work in Leicestershire – and share good practice. It's a chance to reflect on and highlight how passionate and committed we are to our children and young people.

What will happen?

Inspectors will be on site from next Monday for five days.

- Focus groups and visits will happen from Monday 3 to Thursday 6 February
- Inspectors will speak to parents, carers, children and young people over the five days as well as officers from across the partnership
- A webinar will be arranged which will be open to parents and carers. The link will be circulated when it's ready

Our strengths and areas for development

REMINDER: It's important that we're aware of how effective we are. Inspectors will be checking our understanding of this when they're here.

Put simply, we can be proud of our development plan for the high needs block, our investment in new school places for children with SEND, the Inclusion and the SENA service. We've built strong relationships with health, schools, parents and carers.

Our areas for development include information sharing, consistency of good practice across the partnership, improvements in joint planning and commissioning with Health partner and quality of health and social care information in EHCPs.

You can read this handy summary of our strengths and areas for development. Plus – you can print and pop up in your

office for everyone.



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Inspector poster 05.

Reminder about the logistics

- All information will come from **Jane Moore** marked **PRIORITY INSPECTION**
- Not everyone will be involved in the inspection, but be mindful of people who are subject to the inspection and that inspectors will be around the building
- During an inspection there may be changes to demands in work or covering for additional areas
- As part of the inspection requirements, the inspection team will sample 20 cases for children and young people with an Education, Health and Care plan

What action do I need to take now?

Understand the requirements of a SEND inspection and our strengths and areas for development.

This really is an opportunity for you to highlight the excellent work that you do with children and young people every day, so harness this and speak with passion and ambition as you always do!

You can:

- Highlight examples of good news to your manager – we need to demonstrate to the SEND inspection team the impact that we are having on our children and young people's lives to help them to have better outcomes
- Keep information management systems up-to-date and carry out data quality tasks promptly
- If you are part of a focus group, attend meetings as a priority. There will be an opportunity to de-brief after any discussions with inspectors

Please give this process your full support. If you have any examples of good practice or questions, email inspections@leics.gov.uk

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This is a good update – I feel I understand what's happening.



This is ok – but I feel like I need more information to help me.



I need much more help and information.

Quick Links:

SEND inspection Handbook:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-send-inspection-guidance-for-inspectors>