

Hull Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Ofsted / Quality Care Commission SEND Inspection revisit - October 2019

Why are we having a revisit?

In October 2017, the Quality Care Commission and Ofsted inspected the work that had been done in Hull, particularly by the City Council, NHS Hull Clinical Commissioning Group (Hull CCG), schools and other settings, to take forward the SEND reforms of the Children and Families Act 2014.

They recognised many positive developments but also a number of areas of concern resulting in Hull having to submit a Written Statement of Action which is a Plan that says how we will improve services. They were particularly concerned that:

- Strategic leadership was not as effective as it needed to be;
- Services across education, health and social care did not work together as well as they could;
- That parents and young people were not always involved in service development;
- We did not work well enough to improve services and outcomes for children and young people with SEND.



Since that time we have been taking forward the actions in the SEND Improvement Plan and have had quarterly monitoring visits with the Department for Education and NHS England.

The Quality Care Commission and Ofsted are now coming back to Hull on 15, 16 and 17 October to review the progress we have made.

The attached letter explains that the inspectors want to get the views of parents and families through an online survey and also at a meeting which will take place on:

Tuesday 15 October from 7pm to 8:30pm at the Endeavour Learning and Skills Centre, Beverley Road, Hull, HU3 1UR

What have we achieved since the Inspection?

We have made a lot of progress and below are some of our achievements. We do know that we still have lots to do on our improvement journey.

- * We have improved Leadership and Partnership working. We have a SEND Accountability Forum which meets every month and makes sure services are taking forward the improvements in the Written Statement of Action and SEND Improvement Plan. Parents and young people are represented at these meetings;
- * We have promoted the Local Offer (the SEND Information website, Facebook and Twitter) and now three times as many parents, young people and professionals are using it to find the information they need.



website: hull.mylocaloffer.org, Facebook: The Local Offer Hull, twitter: @LocalOfferHull

What we have we achieved since the Inspection (continued)

- * Hull CCG and the City Council have drafted a joint commissioning strategy and are working to provide children's services in partnership;
- * A wide range of parents and young people have had the opportunity to be involved in all the areas of development;
- * We have worked with Special Educational Needs coordinators (SENCOs) in schools and other settings to develop their knowledge and understanding of SEND. For example, by arranging conferences and training opportunities;
- * Pre-school children who have some speech, language and communication needs and/or language delay identified by health visitors are now accessing Early Years nursery settings and other support much earlier;
- * There are additional staff in the SEND Assessment and Review team which means that Education, Health and Care Plans are completed quickly and in legal timescales;
- * 61 new specialist school places have been created at new resource bases and existing special schools. We have submitted a successful application for a new 125 place special school for pupils with severe learning difficulties (the plan is for this to open in September 2021);
- * We have improved the transition to adult services through improved working between children and adult services;
- * Escorts and drivers on school transport have been trained so that parents feel more confident that children are safely transported.



Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact the following:-

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