

Warwickshire Local Area SEND Inspection Update

Live Broadcast
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The live broadcast will commence shortly



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Local Area SEND Inspection Update

- Thank-you to everyone involved
- Key findings of the inspection
- What happens next and how can we work together moving forward?



Local Area SEND Inspection

- Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission visited Warwickshire in July to assess how effective the local area is in identifying and meeting the needs of children and young people with SEND age 0-25
- Inspectors collected information about children and young people; looked at records; spoke to officers, health professionals and leaders; and sought views of children, young people, parents and carers.
- Final report published on WCC & CCG websites on Thursday 23rd September and Ofsted/CQC websites on Friday 24th September
- Whilst several areas were commended, the inspectors also highlighted weaknesses that the local area needs to address



Local area SEND inspection - Key Findings

Strengths:

- Commitment of leaders to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND
- Children and young people with SEND achieve positive educational outcomes. A high proportion remain in education, training and employment. Attendance rates are very positive, and fixed term exclusions have reduced dramatically.
- Leaders understand the strengths and weaknesses because of the accurate, well-informed and detailed self-evaluation.
- Leaders have developed and started to implement an ambitious change programme, which identifies what needs to change and why.

It has prioritised and focused on key areas, with further actions appropriately planned out in the right order. This is enabling area leaders to drive the necessary improvements across the local area.

However, some plans are still developing, such as those to improve neurodevelopmental pathways.

Rapid implementation of the Change Programme has already led to some improvements. For example, the area leaders now issue a higher than national proportion of new education, health and care (EHC) plans within statutory timescales.



Local area SEND inspection

Significant Areas of Weakness

- Waiting times for ASD assessments, and the support for children and young people awaiting assessment and following diagnosis of ASD
- Relationships with parent/carers and communication and co-production at a strategic level
- Incorrect placement of some children and young people with EHC plans in specialist settings, and mainstream school leaders' understanding of why this needs to be addressed
- Uptake of staff training for school staff to help them understand and meet the needs of children and young people with SEND
- Quality of the online local offer



What happens next?

- Co-produce a Written Statement of Action with education, social care, health and Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice by 24th December 2021
- Progress will be monitored by Department of Education and NHS England up to March 2023
- Engagement and co-production with partners and stakeholders including schools, providers, parents and carers, children and young people, with a series of events over the next few weeks
- Regular updates on progress will also be provided on progress



Questions and Answers

- Why has the inspection feedback process taken longer than expected?
 - Due to the summer holidays and the report needing to go through national quality assurance checks by Ofsted and CQC
- Where and when will the report be publicly available?
 - The report will be published on the County Council website at 1pm on 23rd September and then published on Ofsted and CQC websites
- Have the parents and carers who attended the Inspection Teams meeting been invited to this feedback session?
 - Unfortunately there was no registration process for the inspection meeting so it was not possible to contact the parents and carers who attended, but the meeting will be recorded and shared afterwards on the WCC website and Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice Facebook



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Local Offer webpages:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send>

SEND & Inclusion Change Programme:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/special-educational-needs-disabilities-send/send-inclusion-change-programme>

