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Hillingdon SEND and AP Partnership

15th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been notified that the Hillingdon Local Area Partnership for SEND & AP is being inspected by Ofsted and CQC, commencing today. Over the next 3 weeks inspectors will be working with the partnership to gather evidence from partners including those from educational settings, children, young people and families and our Parent Carer Forum (PCF).

Inspection visit format and timeline

The inspection team will be led by one of His Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) from Ofsted, and will include Children's Services Inspectors from the CQC, and education and social care inspectors from Ofsted. The inspection will take place over three weeks.

During the inspection, inspectors will gather evidence about how effective provision is for children and young people with SEND in the local area. They will also evaluate how well the local authority commissions and oversees alternative provision.

Inspectors will evaluate the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND aged 0 to 25 who are covered by the SEND code of practice, whether or not they have an education, health and care plan. This includes children and young people who live in the local authority area but are educated or receive social care in other local authority areas.

Inspectors will look at information from the local area partnership about the services it provides for children and young people with SEND. They will also talk directly to children and young people and families to understand their experiences. Inspectors will meet the local area's parent carer forum (PCF) and may also meet other groups that represent families.

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Children and young people's involvement and parent/ carers involvement

Before inspectors are on site, you will be invited to complete a survey. The survey will ask you about any support your child gets for their education, health and care needs and their social life, and to prepare them for the next stage of their life.

Surveys will also be sent to children and young people with SEND and practitioners who work with children and young people with SEND in your local area. Please access survey details below.

Inspectors will hold tracking meetings with children and young people, their families (if appropriate) and the practitioners who work with them. Tracking meetings are an opportunity for inspectors to hear directly about children and young people's experiences and outcomes.

Inspectors will select approximately 6 children and young people to be involved in tracking meetings. They will choose children and young people with a range of needs, who access a range of services, from a range of age groups and who are at different stages in their involvement with health and social care services.

They will arrange for a practitioner who knows the child or young person well to approach them, and their parents or carers, to ask for their agreement to be involved. If your child is selected, we will give you more information on what's involved before you decide whether to agree.

How long will the visit last?

The whole inspection process will last for three weeks, commencing 15th April to 3rd May. Inspectors will undertake a range of activities, onsite and remotely over the course of the inspection period.

What happens after the visit?

Inspectors will write a report evaluating the impact of the local area partnership's arrangements on the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND.

This report will include an inspection outcome. It will say what the area partnership is doing well and what it needs to improve. The report will also give clear recommendations for the area partnership to act on, as well as giving the rough timing of the next inspection.

Surveys

There are 3 different surveys under one website link:

1. Parents and carers of children or young people between 0 to 25 years old with SEND with an **Easy Read version**.
2. Children and young people between 11 to 25 years old with SEND.
3. Practitioners - professionals that work with children, young people and families with SEND (you do not need to complete this survey).

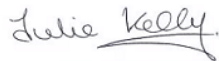
Please complete the parents and carers survey between **Tuesday 16th April - Tuesday 23rd April**, using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-send-inspections-information-for-families>

Please scroll down to the heading 'Areas we will inspect' to find the survey for Hillingdon. The survey will open online tomorrow.

If you have any questions, please contact Hillingdon Parent Carer Forum on: hillingdonpcf@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,



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