

Kingston's Local Area SEND Inspection Written Statement of Action

Parent Consortium / Parent Carer Forum

November 2020



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Context

- Kingston's Joint Local Area SEND Inspection took place in September 2018
- The letter from the Care Quality Commission and Ofsted detailing findings was received in October 2018
- The Written Statement of Action (WSOA) was approved by the Council's Children's and Adults' Care and Education Committee in February 2019 and subsequently approved by CQC and Ofsted
- Reinspections to assess progress against the WSOA normally take place about 2 years after the original inspection, but have been disrupted due to COVID. Latest view is re-inspection February 2021 or soon afterwards
- The PCF will be directly contacted by Ofsted and the CQC and all parents and carers will be invited to a meeting with inspectors
- SEND Partnership Board are reviewing Areas 3&4 in November and 1&2 in January
- The Council and Clinical Commissioning Group welcome feedback at this stage to further inform the improvement journey

Area 1

The overall poor quality and monitoring of Education, Health and Care plans, including contributions from health professionals

Aim: Every EHC plan will be fit for purpose and fulfil statutory requirements under the 2014 Children and Families Act

Outcomes:

- a. All EHC Plans will be produced in partnership with Health, Education and Social Care and will be of high quality and impact positively on outcomes for children and young people with SEND.
- b. All partners and teams are confident and competent in fulfilling statutory duties for EHC assessment and understand their responsibilities under the 2014 Children and Families Act.
- c. Quality assurance processes for existing EHC plans includes education, health and social care and indicates plans are fit for purpose and accurately reflect a child / young person's needs and appropriate education, health and care provision

Area 2

The timeliness of leaders in ensuring that the annual review process and any subsequent amendments to EHC plans are consistently made in line with the SEN code of practice

Aim: Annual reviews and subsequent amendments for EHC plans will be completed effectively and in line with the statutory duties of the 2014 Children and Families Act

Outcome:

Annual reviews and subsequent amendments are completed within statutory timescale

The strategic leadership and monitoring of the CCG's work in implementing the 2014 reforms

Aim: To ensure the CCG effectively discharges its responsibilities under the Children and Family Act and demonstrates its contribution to improving outcomes for children and young people with SEND

- a. There will be effective strategic leadership and oversight of the health implementation and ongoing delivery of the SEND reforms by the CCG Governing Body
- b. Improved quality, effectiveness and performance of SEND Health services that ensure local and national performance targets are met
- c. Health commissioned services demonstrate improved outcomes for children, young people with SEND and compliance with reforms
- d. Commissioning budgets are used more effectively to improve service access and reduce waiting times thereby improving user experience
- e. Primary Care is responsive to the needs of children and young people with SEND

Area 4

To ensure that there is a productive and positive relationship between parents and parent representatives, including a parent carer forum.

Aim: To develop effective and proactive partnerships with parents, parent representatives and a Parent Carer Forum that facilitates effective engagement and co-production in the implementation and embedding of the SEND reforms

- a. There will be a productive and positive relationship between the local authority and CCG and parents/ carers and parents representatives, including a parent/ carer forum
- b. The local offer will provide an accurate and up to date description of the available health services that include clear referral and access information.
- c. Increased opportunities for parents and carers to participate and give feedback on provision to inform future activity and development of services.
- d. Establish a new Parent Carer Forum for Kingston



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