

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	12 September 2023
Title of Report:	Local Area SEND inspection: report and briefing
Lead Member:	Councillor Sally Cresswell (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Apprenticeships)
Lead Strategic Director:	David Haley (Interim Director for Children's Services)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

For the Committee to receive an update on the Ofsted Local Area inspection.

Recommendations and Reasons

1. That scrutiny notes the report and requests further updates on progress of the post inspection action plan.
Reason: The inspection report is a significant evaluation of our services for some of our more vulnerable children. It's published priority actions and recommendations require a serious, positive and system wide response.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None as it is crucial that we respond as a system to the report for the benefit of Plymouth children and young people.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The response links to A Bright Future, the SEET strategy and NHS documents.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

There will be resource implications which will be further outlined as the plan is developed.

Financial Risks

There is a financial risk if we have poor or inadequate provision.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

NA

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

It is important to note that prevalence of SEND is significantly higher in lower socio economic groups. The overlap of vulnerabilities outlined in the report will also occur more in lower socio economic groups.

Appendices

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A	Briefing report title							
B	Equalities Impact Assessment (if applicable)							

Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Ofsted-CQC Inspection report							

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Annie Gammon											

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 01/09/2023

Cabinet Member approval: Approved via email

Date approved: 04/09/2023