

Joint Local Area SEND Inspection Outcomes

Scrutiny for Policies, Children and Families Committee

6th March 2023

Outcomes following Reinspection

As a result of the re-inspection, Ofsted and CQC judged that the area had made sufficient progress in addressing **seven** of the significant weaknesses identified during the 2020 inspection.

Examples of improvements reported:

- A strong commitment to working together with partners including families to improve area services.
- Sustained improvements to the timeliness and quality of education, health and care plans.
- An improved autism pathway including a pre-assessment pathway that schools can refer into.
- Improvements in early years SEND services that have helped to improve parental confidence in their children's readiness for nursery and school.
- Development of new enhanced SEND provision within some mainstream schools.

Outcomes following Reinspection

Ofsted and CQC judged that the area had not made sufficient progress in addressing **two** of the significant weaknesses identified during the 2020 inspection.

Examples of further improvement needed:

- Too many children and young people requiring SEND support have a poor experience.
- For those children with an EHC plan, too often they do not receive the provision that is set out in their plan.
- The rate of exclusion from schools in Somerset for children and young people with SEND continues to be too high
- High rates of repeat suspensions and imposition of long-term part-time timetables was reported.

Next Steps

- The area is required to develop and implement an **Accelerated Progress Plan (APP)** to address the remaining **two** areas of weakness by **Tuesday 21st March 2023**.
- Two year programme of activity within the **Written Statement of Action (WSoA)** will end.
- Activities that remain **outstanding** and a **priority** will form part of the plan for delivery of the new **SEND Strategy** that will be published in Spring 2023.
- Governance arrangements to change to reflect closure of WSoA and development of new Children and Families Board.

Questions?