

SEND Local Area Inspection

Purpose of the report and Summary

To inform the Corporate Parenting Board about the Special Educational Needs and Disability Local Area Inspection and what they need to do when the inspection happens in Lancashire, and how the SEND Service can help to prepare you.

Key Information and Questions for Board Members

- In September 2014 the way schools, health and local authorities work with children and young people with a special educational need and disability changed.
- In May 2016, OFSTED and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) started to look at how well schools, health and local authorities are working in this new way.
- Lancashire will be looked at between now and May 2021. We do not know exactly when this will be.
- When we are picked to be inspected, we will get a phone call on Monday morning to tell us they will be coming the following week.
- When they come, the inspectors will want to talk to children and young people to see how well they think schools, health and the local authority are doing.
- Barnardo's have been told and they are starting to think about how POWAR/LINX will do this.
- Looked after children with special educational needs and disabilities are a key group in the new way of working and inspectors will want to know how the Corporate Parenting Board are involved and informed about what is happening.
- The SEND Service have started an Inspection Preparation Group to look at getting Lancashire ready for the inspection.

- Do the Corporate Parenting Board know about the changes that happened in September 2014 with the Children and Families Act?
- What reports, briefings, information would the Corporate Parenting Board like to receive about what is happening with special educational needs and disability? And how often?
- Would a member of the Corporate Parenting Board like to attend the inspection meetings?

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