

End of Brighton & Hove's Local Area SEND Inspection by OFSTED and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) 23-31 March 2023

31st March 2023

Parent Carers will be aware that the Ofsted and CQC Local Inspection finished today.

Ahead of the Easter holidays, PaCC share our thanks to parent carers who completed the parent carer inspection survey, we know how busy you all are - nearly 1,000 parent carer surveys were submitted, this is an impressive number, thank you again.

PaCC reps have been busy throughout the inspection - PaCC steering group reps have met with inspectors, and PaCC chair Becky Robinson and PaCC rep Fiona England have attended meetings where conversations included areas such as the Send Strategy, Commissioning, Co-production, and BHCCs and Health's Self Evaluation.

There has been limited time in meetings for PaCC to cover all areas that PaCC partner groups and the steering group have shared in writing with PaCC. As a means to compensate for the minimal contact time with inspectors, PaCC asked the Ofsted/CQC inspectors if PaCC could share with them a report that includes the key themes of PaCC Partner and associate groups, and the PaCC steering group. PaCC will share the report after the Easter holidays.

Below are some of the key issues from families that we raised:

Social care

Adult social care for autistic young people age 18-25

Transition to adulthood across all areas for all cohorts

ND and mental health waiting lists, services, and provisions

Prioritising specific pathways for smaller cohorts of need eg SpLD, Downs Syndrome, ADHD etc

Education - provision, experience, attendance, EBSA, EOTAS, AP

Therapy provisions

Local Offer development

EHCP processes (we know these are under development)

Parent carer experience across all services

Included below a comment from Brighton and Hove City Council and NHS Sussex leads.

The city council and NHS Sussex have both welcomed the joint inspection by Ofsted and Care Quality Commission into the local area arrangements for children and young people with SEND.

We appreciate that families will be wanting to know the outcome of this joint inspection. Due to the local government elections on 4 May 2023 and the pre-election period, the outcome letter will not be available until after this time.

The inspection outcomes and any associated statement of action will inform the city's SEND strategy development and will we continue working with PaCC to take these matters forward.

And lastly from PaCC

Thank you again for your ongoing feedback to PaCC.

Please look out for further comms from PaCC in the next half term.