

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

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PaCC want to provide an update to parent carers ahead of Brighton & Hove's local area inspection starting tomorrow.

So far, PaCC's direct contact with the inspectors has been minimal and the details of the meetings PaCC will be attending (as part of the inspection), were only confirmed to us on Monday.

It has also been confirmed to PaCC that any meetings the inspectors have with parent carers or groups, if at all, will be their decision and based on their key lines of enquiry and whether they feel they have enough information about the strengths or areas of development that they have identified.

PaCC will be attending a variety of meetings during the inspection, and the inspectors have said that for all meetings they will be keeping attendee numbers low. For PaCC's only meeting with the inspectors, the number of reps who can attend is very limited. For all other meetings Becky Robinson and Fiona England will be attending.

We know that other parent carer forums have experienced the same during local inspections, so PaCC have spent the last week collating written statements from our PaCC partner groups and steering group reps about what they consider to be the key issues for their families. We have received information from mASCot supporting ASC families, T21, Brighton Pebbles, Amaze, 12345678964532 Face2Face, CHSWG, Fresh Youth Perspectives and the Amaze Dad's Group. All these written statements and the ones from our reps will be sent directly to the inspectors.

PaCC feel strongly that parent carers should be given the opportunity to meet with the inspectors if they would like to: we will update parent carers if the inspectors create any opportunities for this to happen and we have offered to facilitate any sessions. Please be reassured we will continue to do all that we can - so your views and experiences are central to the inspection, and we will share further comms as the inspection progresses.

We heard yesterday that nearly 1,000 parent carers completed the survey which is amazing. PaCC hopes the results will go a long way to highlighting the experiences of families and the reoccurring themes to the inspectors, alongside the information provided by PaCC and our partner groups.