

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

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## About the Inspection:

During an inspection process, a team of inspectors evaluate the impact of the local area partnership's SEND arrangements on the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND and how the partnership work together to plan, evaluate and develop the SEND system. Where appropriate, inspectors recommend what the local area partnership should do to improve the arrangements.

A local area partnership refers to those in education, health and care who are responsible for the strategic planning, commissioning, management, delivery and evaluation of arrangements for children and young people with SEND who live in a local area.

## The Inspection outcome:

<https://paccbrighton.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Brighton-and-Hove-Local-Area-Partnership-Area-SEND-Final-Report.pdf>

PaCC are concerned that the outcome report for Brighton & Hove could be a difficult read for parent carers as it is not reflective of all families' experiences. We know that not all families are accessing the support that a child or young person or their parent carers needs.

When inspecting Brighton & Hove, the inspection team recognised the positives and strength of the local area partnership. Co-production with PaCC is more advanced in Brighton & Hove than elsewhere, and this strength is highlighted in the report, eg Home to School Transport and the increase in specialist ASC places. The positive feedback about services and staff who work hard to support positive outcomes for children and young people is to be celebrated and learning shared across education, health and social care will further improve outcomes.

The inspectors also identified areas for development, many of which align with priorities and concerns that PaCC has been raising with partners in education, health and care. The city's SEND strategy will be refreshed to ensure action is focused on driving change in these areas.

Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC) and NHS Sussex recognise the strong challenge from PaCC and they welcome PaCC reports such as the Social Care Position Statement and the Neurodevelopmental Pathway Report – please see links below. They are committed to listening to the challenge PaCC brings and to work with us to improve and make best use of collective resources, aiming to reduce the impact of the rising demand for services, the increasing complex needs of some children and young people and gaps in provision.

Throughout the inspection process, PaCC has been updating the parent carer community about our observations and concerns around the new local area SEND inspection framework. These have all been collated into this document, which we will be sharing with the National Network Parent Carer Forum (NNPCF).

<https://paccbrighton.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/PaCC-Local-Area-Inspection-Feedback-March-23.pdf>

PaCC will continue to represent the wider parent carer feedback at the meetings we attend with BHCC and NHS Sussex.

If you would like to contact PaCC with your feedback regarding the recent inspection, please email [admin@paccbrighton.org.uk](mailto:admin@paccbrighton.org.uk)

Other Links:

PaCC's Social Care Position Statement –

<https://paccbrighton.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/PaCC-position-statement-Social-Care-Oct-2022-Final.pdf>

Local Authority's Response to PaCC's Position Statement –

<https://paccbrighton.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Brighton-Hove-CC-response.pdf>

PaCC's Neurodevelopmental Pathway Report –

<https://paccbrighton.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PaCCConnect-and-supporting-survey-on-NDP-Dec-2022.pdf>

PaCC's Previous Updates About Brighton & Hove's Local Area SEND Inspection –

<https://paccbrighton.org.uk/2023/05/22/brighton-hove-local-area-send-inspection-march-23/>

