

Buckinghamshire County Council

# SEND Inspection

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## Introduction

- The Department for Education has asked Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to inspect local areas on their effectiveness in fulfilling their new duties.
- Ofsted and the CQC have now published the Framework and Handbook for the inspection process.



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## Proposed focus for inspection

- How affectively does the local area identify children and young people who are disabled and/or have special education needs?
- How effectively does the local area meet the needs and improve the outcomes of children and young people who are disabled and/or have special education needs?

These judgements are to be made about the performance of the local area since the implementation of the reforms in September 2014

**It is important to note that this is a local area inspection and not a local authority inspection.**



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## Effective identification of need

The evaluation includes children and young people who require SEN support and those who have education, health and care plans.

- Timeliness
- Usefulness (to inform planning/ teaching other provision; and as a baseline to set targets for progress/improvement, and evaluate the effectiveness of support)
- Engagement with children and young people (participation and communication)
- Engagement with parents/carers (participation with others, as appropriate)
- Effectiveness of local area arrangements in providing evidence that needs have been identified.



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## Effectiveness in meeting needs

The evaluation includes children and young people who require SEN support and those who have education, health and care plans.

- Satisfaction by children and young people in the progress they have made
- Satisfaction by parents/carers in the progress made
- Outcomes for children and young people – progress made towards high expectation targets (towards age expectations for skills/knowledge/understanding and preparing for adulthood to include progress to higher education or employment, independent living, participating in society, being as healthy as possible in adult life)
- Effectiveness of local area arrangements in providing evidence that needs have been met (as above).



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## Proposed inspection arrangements

- All local areas will be inspected, with an inspection interval of up to five years
- Inspection teams will include an HMI, a CQC inspector and a local authority inspector
- Inspectors will review available national data as part of their preparation including within area inspection outcomes from CQC and Ofsted
- It is expected that local areas will know how effective they are and will be able to demonstrate this.



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- The field work is likely to include discussions with elected members, key local area officers from health, education and social care, and meetings with leaders of early years settings, schools and colleges and specialist services
- Visits will be made to a range of providers and services. These visits will not inspect the provision but focus on their understanding and participation in meeting the area's responsibilities
- Inspectors will look at children and young people's files to contribute to their evaluations.

