



Parents and Carers

By email

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**Dear parents and carers,**

We have recently received the final report from our local area partnership SEND inspection. The inspection took place under the new Ofsted/CQC framework during the last week of June 2023. The report is available to view on the [Ofsted website](#).

The inspection has found that, while there are some positive areas and the direction of travel for our joint work is the right one, that there are significant weaknesses. This is disappointing and we deeply regret that there are shortcomings in the ways in which some of our vulnerable children are currently supported. However, we are determined to drive forward the improvements we need to make, which the inspection has clearly articulated.

The report sets out a number of priority actions and recommendations. We all have a responsibility for some of these with Plymouth City Council, NHS Devon Integrated Care Board and school and college leaders all indicated as key in taking forward improvements. We all want to make sure that all our children with SEND are well supported and that every one of them has a bright future.

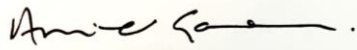
A priority action plan will be produced by the end of September, setting out how the local area partnership, which includes Plymouth City Council, NHS Devon Integrated Care Board (including University Hospitals Plymouth and Livewell Southwest), school and college leaders, and other key partners will work together to address the areas that need improvement. There are actions for all of us to take, collectively and individually.

A multiagency workshop has been scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> September to ensure joint input to the plan which must be completed by the end of September. It will draw on and be aligned with initiatives already underway, while accurately addressing the priorities in the report. We are working with PPCV to ensure strong parent/carer involvement in input to the plan and engagement in this event.

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Thank you for your engagement with the inspection. We appreciate the time you put into completing surveys and, for some of you, talking with inspectors. We look forward to working with you as we make improvements to our Plymouth provision.

Best wishes,

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