

SEND Area Inspections a year on

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Area SEND inspections: a year on

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Area SEND inspections

August 2014



Children and Families Act 2014

May 2016



First area SEND inspections

June-Sept 2022



Public consultation

January 2023

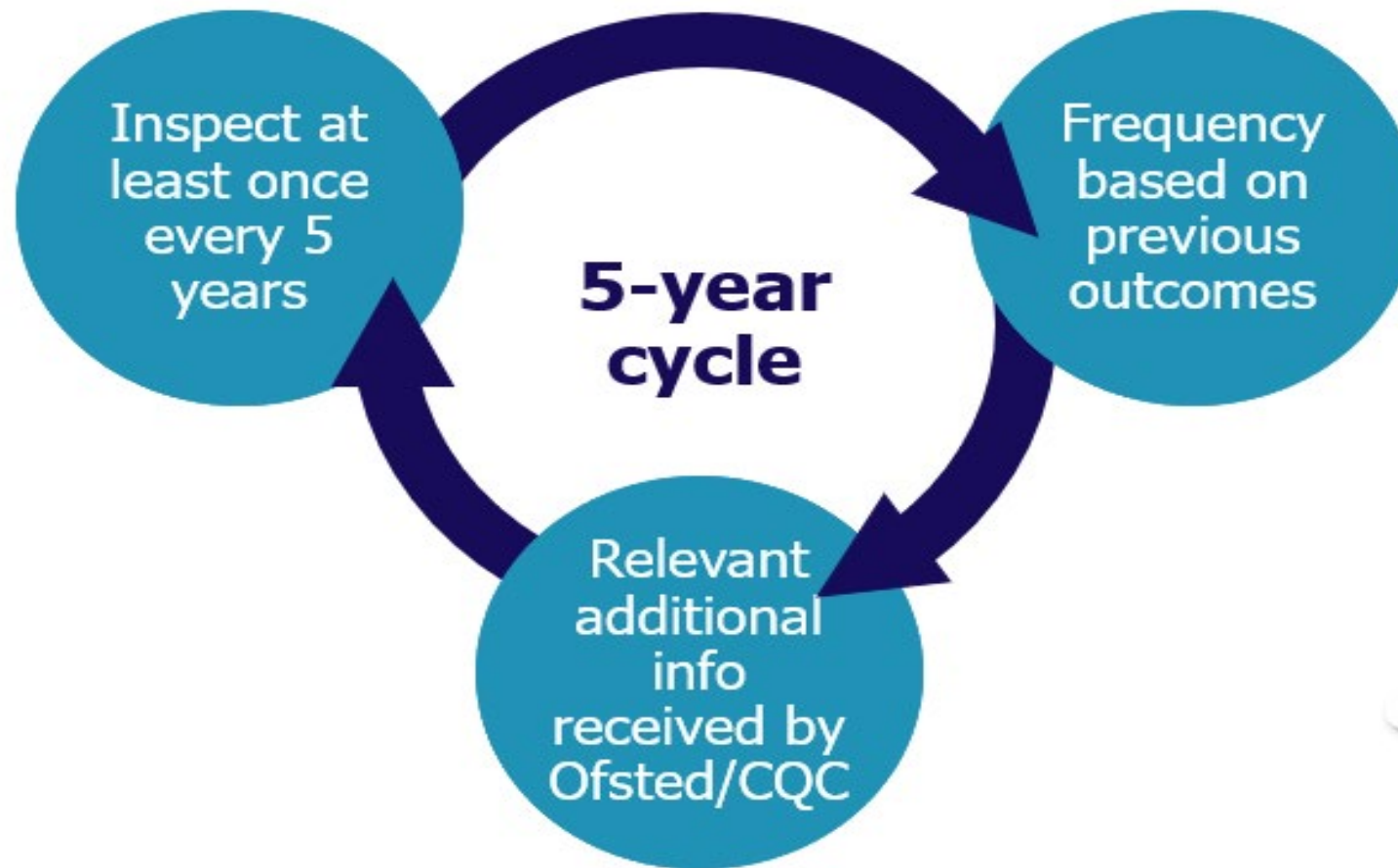


New framework launch

Area SEND inspection framework 2023

- Ofsted and CQC launched the new local area SEND inspections in January 2023.
- Aims:
 - Ensure no accountability gap between inspection frameworks.
 - Include a greater focus on the experience of CYP with SEND and their families
 - Give more prominence to the quality integration and commissioning of education, health and care services
 - Include evaluation of Alternative Provision commissioning

A continuous inspection cycle



Key changes

Introducing a **continuous cycle** of inspections to encourage better long term strategic planning by the local area

Three distinct outcomes and inspection reports that set out **recommendations** and where **responsibility** for improvement lies

Moving to a system including **full inspections, monitoring inspections** and **engagement conversations**

Evaluating local authorities use and commissioning of **alternative provision (AP)**

Evaluating against a **clearly defined concept of an effective SEND system**

The inclusion of **social care in the inspection team** to better evaluate multi-agency working

Three inspection outcomes

Inspection Outcome	Inspection Activity
<p>The local area partnership’s SEND arrangements typically lead to positive experiences and outcomes for children and young people with SEND. The local area partnership is taking action where improvements are needed.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Full inspection within five years 2. Engagement meetings with local area partnerships
<p>The local area partnership’s arrangements lead to inconsistent experiences and outcomes for children and young people with SEND. The local area partners must work jointly to make improvements</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Full inspection within three years 2. Engagement meetings with local area partnerships
<p>There are widespread and/or systemic failings leading to significant concerns about the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND, which the local area partnership must address urgently.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submission of priority action plan 2. Monitoring inspection usually within 18 months 3. Full reinspection usually within three years 4. Engagement meetings with local area partnerships

Area SEND inspection outcome profile 2023

Typically positive

27%

7 local areas

Inconsistent

42%

11 local areas

Systemic failings

31%

8 local areas

Published by end of December

Local areas with published priority action plans

Themes from the 8 local areas with areas for priority actions:

- Strategic governance and oversight
- Education health and care plans
- Health waiting times
- Commissioning
- Co-production
- Information sharing and coordination of services

Inspection process

Notification



Offsite

Preparation



Offsite

Evidence gathering



Offsite & Onsite

Inspection report



Offsite

Gathering evidence



Week 1 offsite inspection activities



Notification

Notify the local area
10 working days
before onsite activity
and discuss
inspection timetable



Request

Request information
from local area
partnership for key
documents as
described in Annex A



Select

6 children and young
people to be selected
for tracking



Disseminate

Disseminate surveys

Week 2 offsite and onsite inspection activities



Confirm

Finalise onsite inspection timetable with the local area



Tracking meetings

Tracking meetings with children and young people



Meetings

Virtual meetings



Analysis

Analysis of information

Parent/carers are key to inspections

What happens before the onsite inspection takes place

PCF leads will meet with the lead inspectors

You and your child will be asked to complete a survey

Parent/carers of 6 case track children will meet with inspectors

All evidence collected supports inspectors to form lines of enquiry that are specific to the local area, to explore further during the onsite inspection

PCF meeting with lead inspectors

Leads inspectors will:

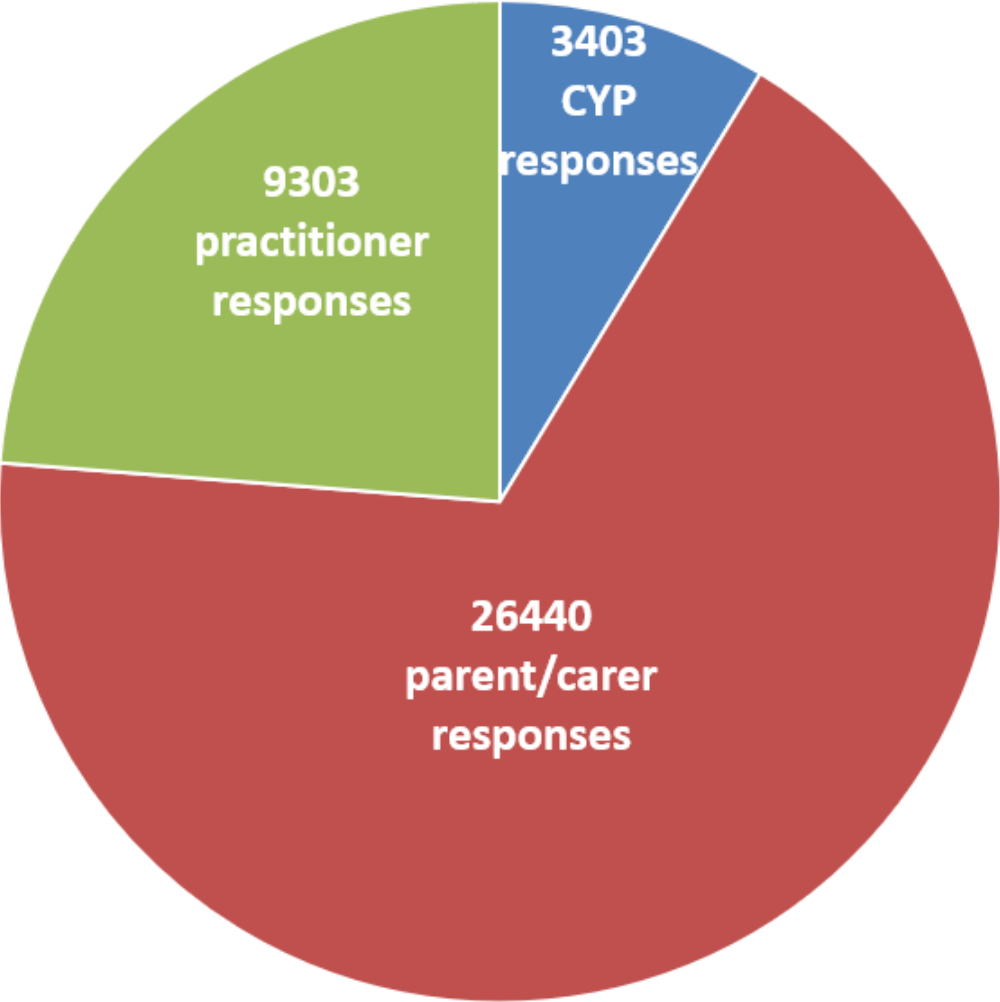
- communicate with PCF leads on the day the inspection is announced
- arrange a meeting with you for the following week (Thurs)
- meet with another representative group (if appropriate) but will discuss this with you
- encourage you to gather the latest feedback from parent/carers to share
- Ask you to describe the local context, local issues, strengths, what's improving and what still needs more work
- want to understand your role and how you work with leaders on the local SEND system
- ask about co-production, examples and impact and whether CYP are involved in co-production, how collectively your views are taken forward

All evidence will support leads to develop lines of enquiry

Surveys

Surveys are a key part of the evidence

- Parent/carer
- CYP with SEND (over 11 years)
- Practitioners (education, health, SC)
- We need you to promote the survey
- The survey is online
- Hard copies are available
- Useful videos are available



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Case tracking

What's the role of parent/carers?

- The inspection team will **select the individual cases** taking account of the **range of needs** and the **demographics of the area**
- Inspectors will select a total of 6 CYP
- Inspectors will select cases representing each of the **4 areas of need**, 2 receiving **SEN support** and 1 in **AP**
- The local area will contact parent/carers of the 6 CYP and arrange a call with the inspectors
- This is an opportunity to understand the lived experience of the CYP and family

This will help the understanding of impact and develop lines of enquiry to be followed through onsite evidence gathering.

Sampling visits and focused sampling

What's the role of parent/carers?

Focused sampling

Inspectors will evaluate the decision-making processes and oversight for specific groups of CYP with SEND.

In each meeting, they will select a number of CYP, review their information and discuss with officers.

Sampling visits

Inspectors will visit a number of providers and services.

During each visit, they will select a number of CYP, review their information and discuss their experiences and outcomes with practitioners.

Parent/carers

Inspectors may want to contact you where your child has been selected as part of sampling activities. This is to further understand the experiences and outcomes of your child.

PCF inspection role

There are a range of meetings where we would expect PCF to be included:

- Meeting with the lead inspectors (week 2)
- Local area context meeting (week 2)
- Meeting with leaders (week 2)
- Self-evaluation meeting (week 3 onsite)
- Feedback meeting (week 3 onsite)

Thematic Visits

National theme



Focus in-depth



Share learning



2024 Thematic Visits

- Our visits will focus on the **4 key pathways for preparation for adulthood**, as set out in the SEND Code of Practice.
 - Health
 - Independent Living
 - Employment
 - Community Inclusion
- The overall purpose of the visits is to understand how local area partners across, education, health and care are working together to support children and young people with SEND in their preparation for adulthood, from ages 0 to 25.

Thematic questions

The four themes will be based around these 4 broad areas:



HEALTH: Are children and young people with SEND receiving the necessary support to be as healthy as possible?



INDEPENDENT LIVING: Are children and young people with SEND being empowered to make decisions for themselves and live as independently as possible?



EMPLOYMENT: Are children and young people with SEND being given opportunities to achieve their full potential in adulthood?



COMMUNITY INCLUSION: Are children and young people with SEND given the right tools to participate in society, including making friends and building supportive relationships?

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