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Local Area SEND Inspection - how did we do?

Ofsted and the Care and Quality Commission (CQC) inspection took place in Cornwall in July 2017.

The Local Area inspection was a thorough and far reaching process. Young people, families, health services, health commissioners, the full age range of education providers, the voluntary and charity sector, and all the education and social care services of Cornwall Council took part.

What did the inspectors say?

"Leaders and managers from education, health and care drive the local area’s strategic direction as outlined in the ‘One Vision’ plan. They are ambitious to improve outcomes for children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and are delivering improvements despite reducing resources and an increasing demand for services."

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Key Outcomes

- What was found lines up with our judgement of ourselves, our self-evaluation, demonstrating a firm foundation from which to develop further.
- All the necessary actions identified in the inspection letter are reflected in Cornwall’s SEND Strategy.
- All the published letters for Area SEND Inspections from across the country completed to date can be found on the Ofsted website.

Thank you to all those that took part. Our ambition to make further improvements that support children and young people with SEND to achieve the best possible outcomes remains undiminished.
We have listened to feedback about advice, training and systems for SEN in Cornwall. Action has been taken to gather ideas about what works well here and in other parts of the country. This has informed changes to education services for SEN in Cornwall.

Updates on all current or previous developments can be found in the SEN review

The Outcomes: SEN Support Services

Vision and Hearing needs teams have retained teaching and advisory services. They work with families, settings and other agencies from the earliest identification of need to post-16 education.

Physical Needs Advisers have broadened their remit to include advice to schools, supporting the successful inclusion of pupils with medical needs and are now working more closely with health colleagues.

The Cognition and Learning service has been developed! Advisers provide support to schools and their recent conference, Neurodiversity 2017, received enthusiastic feedback from attendees.

For more information about all the SEN Support services, referral processes and eligibility criteria visit the SEN File

The Outcomes: The Statutory SEN Service

The Statutory SEN Service came into place from the 1st September 2017. They are responsible for all the processes relating to complex SEN, such as Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessments, annual reviews, legal functions and arranging provision.

There has been a significant expansion in the number of caseworker officers.

SEN casework officers will be linking with schools and families. They will support families by phone or at key meetings when a Education, Health and Care needs assessment has been requested or for a child or young person who already has an EHC plan.

Some of the Statutory SEN service Casework Officers

For more information visit our SEND Forms and Guidance webpage

For general enquiries or to link with a SEN Casework Officer email statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk or telephone 01872 324242
This guidance from the Department for Work and Pensions is aimed at young disabled people, their parents and the professionals that work with them.

It contains:
- links to websites that could help young people find/stay in work
- links to videos from likely role models
- careers advice
- disability employment advice
- workplace training and adjustments
- higher education
- mental health and disabled people's user led organisations

Useful Links

Have you seen the SEN File?
Cornwall Council's SEN File is designed to support Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENCOs) and other professionals in meeting the needs of children and young people with SEN. It is also a source of information for parents, carers and young people.

Useful Information

Want to know about training, conferences and networks?
Click on the links below for more information

Moving and Handling Training for staff supporting pupils in mainstream schools and Area Resource Bases

SENCO Network meetings are FREE and open to all Cornish schools
Find out future dates here!

Browse the SEND Training Directory!

Coming soon…
→ Funfit training coming December 2017 and March 2018

Save the date!
→ SENCO Conference to be held 3rd May 2018

This symbol means that the information is only accessible via School Messenger
Support, services and advice, all in one place

Cornwall's SEND Local Offer provides information about the provision available in Cornwall to children and young people, aged 0-25 years, who have Special Educational Needs or a disability.

Cornwall's SEND Local Offer is being refreshed!

Based on feedback from parents, young people, SENCOs and other professionals, we are developing our website to make information even easier to find, make the website more user friendly and to increase awareness of the information available through Cornwall's SEND Local Offer.

What has happened so far?
We are still working to design and test our new website, we hope that it will be ready by December 2017

- We spoke to parents, carers, young people and professionals about the website
- Feedback from parents, carers and professionals informed changes to the design.
- We are working to develop the new website. We still need your help and feedback!
- We also worked with parents, carers young people and professionals to create a new tag-line.
- We worked with Open Objects to create some new website designs

If you have any comments or would like to be involved in the ongoing development of Cornwall’s SEND Local Offer please get in touch!

Email localoffer@cornwall.gov.uk  Ring 01872 323 535 or 0800 587 8191  Visit https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/localoffer
Thank you for reading this SEND Update!

SENCO network meetings are free and run termly in venues across the county in west, mid and east Cornwall. The aims of the meetings are to provide practical training, and raise the profile of the SENCO role with a particular emphasis on leadership.

The Facts!

- 229 primary schools have attended
- All 31 state funded secondary schools have attended
- The Council keeps an ongoing record of attendance and will contact schools who haven’t attended to seek feedback about barriers to attendance
- College representatives are now attending too!
- Coverage of attendance is even across Cornwall
- Resources and presentations are posted on school messenger after the network meetings

Feedback from 2016-17 network meeting evaluations:
79% very helpful
21% helpful
0% unhelpful

The Autumn Term 2017 SENCO Network Meetings are scheduled for:

- 1 November 2017 at Tregolls Primary School, Truro (Mid)
- 7 November 2017 at Liskeard School and Community College (East)
- 14 November 2017 at Cornwall College (Pool Campus), Penhaligon Building (West)

All meetings are 2.30-4.30 pm

Click here to find out more about SENCO Network meetings, the agenda and how to book!

Thank you for reading this SEND Update!

Have your say!
We value your feedback and would like to know your thoughts on how we can improve this SEND update. Please get in touch by sending us an email!