

# Chairs and Vice Chairs Briefing

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# Local Area SEND Inspection 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> January

- Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspection Team: 2 Ofsted Inspectors, 1 CQC Inspector, plus 1 Ofsted and 1 CQC QA officer;
- Short presentation from education, health and social care: 18 focus groups; individual meeting with the Designated Clinical Officer (DCO);
- Over 400 parent carers completed the Ofsted/CQC survey;
- An Inspector met with BING (Barnet Inclusion Next Generation – a group of young people with SEND who regular meet to discuss issues and give feedback on SEND services);
- Visits to 3 primary schools, 2 secondary schools, a special school and Barnet and Southgate college;
- Conversations with 2 Out of borough schools (Suffolk and Gloucestershire);
- The Inspectors audited a sample of EHCPs which they selected;
- We sent them the SEF (Self Evaluation Framework), our large Evidence store (or over 200 documents) and some supplementary information.

## Information shared with the Inspectors included:

- Data on EHCP 20 week completion rate 97%; EHCP Audit tool and findings, including 90% of those audited in Quarter 2 were rated “Good” or “Outstanding”;
- Our education outcomes:
  - In 2019, Barnet pupils with SEND (both SEN Support and those with an EHCP) performed above the National Averages at every Key Stage and in every measure.
  - In 2021 Barnet is in the top 10% for EHCP pupils and pupils with SEN Support for KS4 measures.
  - In 2021 GCSEs SEN Support pupils in Barnet outperform their peers nationally, in London and amongst statistical neighbours for all measures; and EHCP pupils outperformed their peers nationally, in London and amongst statistical neighbours in all measures.
  - The percentage of children with SEN Support achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD) in the Early Years Foundation Stage is above the national average.
  - At KS2, attainment for pupils in receipt of SEN Support and EHCPs exceeded the National average. Progress at KS2 for pupils with an EHCP exceeds the National average.

## Health outcomes include:

- Physiotherapy: Average of 10 weeks – down from an average of 15 weeks across 20/21.
- Occupational therapy: Average of 13 weeks – down from an average of 26 weeks over 20/21. The percentage of children waiting more than 18 weeks is now lower than the NCL average – 84% against an NCL average of 71%
- Speech and Language Therapy: Average of 15 weeks – down from an average of 19 weeks over 20/21
- By December, 81% of Barnet CAMHS patients at BEH (Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust) were waiting under 4 weeks, despite rising rates of referrals. Waits from assessment to treatment are higher than neighbouring boroughs.

## Social Care outcomes/areas of focus include:

- New provision for autistic children and young people.
- Successful early help autism pilot with Resource for Autism.
- Through the Holiday Activities Fund. Resources for Autism provided 1:1 support to ensure children could attend and additional activities were available for children whose needs limited access to inclusive activities.
- Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions for young people with ADHD, Autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia along with additional medical conditions were facilitated.
- An Autism Pathway has been drafted.

# Inspection outcome and report

- A positive inspection, with lots of examples of good practice in SEND
- The Ofsted/CQC report will be published in the coming weeks

# Training and Resources for Schools:

- ▶ 23<sup>rd</sup> February is the launch of our launch of our Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Toolkit and Part 2 of supporting students with ADHD
- ▶ We have a Teaching Support Staff Conference on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April – all day a series of webinars covering:
  - Our Toolkits, including Quality First Teaching and SEMH;
  - Zones of Regulation;
  - Supporting Speech and Language needs;
  - Supporting literacy needs in Key stage 2;
  - MITA principles embedding them in your support approach
- ▶ Access Arrangements - all courses booked through the BPSI website
- ▶ We continue to hold the very popular fortnightly SENCo Challenge Workshops