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## PROGRAMME UPDATE

*Keeping stakeholders, parents and carers informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme.*

### **1) Message from Helen Ellis, Service Director for Early Help, Schools and SEND, Dudley Council**

As you are aware Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission carried out their revisit between 31 January and 3 February.

I would like to thank everyone, from parents, carers, young people, schools, colleges, early years providers, alternative provision providers, and health and council colleagues, who took part in the revisit and for their contributions and feedback to the inspectors.

Inspectors also wanted to thank everyone for their cooperation and their open and frank discussions around Dudley's SEND Improvement Programme.

The purpose of the re-visit was to determine whether the local area has made sufficient progress in addressing the areas of significant weakness detailed in the [written statement of action \(WSOA\)](#) that was approved by the Department for Education in December 2019 following the borough's [joint local area SEND inspection in May 2019](#).

Inspectors reviewed a significant number of cases and evidence provided by the local area. They spoke directly with many partners, services, professional, parent carers and young people over the three-day period. They also asked stakeholders to complete a number of surveys.

We now await the findings of the revisit which will be published via letter online usually within 33 working days of the end of the inspection.

Ofsted will publish the final letter on the [local authority SEND section of Ofsted's reports website](#), The CQC will publish it on its website alongside reports arising from other local area children's inspection and review activity.

