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

Welcome to our latest SEND Improvement Programme bulletin.

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission carried out their revisit between 31 January and 2 February. Inspectors have recognised that there has been "sufficient progress" in eight areas, previously identified as areas of weakness. You can read more about the letter that has been published later in the bulletin. Thank you again to everyone for their involvement in supporting this revisit and for sharing your time and your views.

This edition of the bulletin is filled with opportunities for you to have your say. The Government's SEND Review is hosting virtual workshops that offer you an opportunity to ask questions and learn about proposals and solutions to challenges facing SEND communities. We also have a local consultation open that will also soon have online sessions and face-to-face meetings available so as you can offer your thoughts on our proposed changes to Dudley's Transport Policy.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I hope you will get involved and share your views with us so as we can continue to improve our local offer for children and young people with SEND.

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