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PROGRAMME UPDATE

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

2) Joint Local Area SEND Revisit – Letter Published

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission carried out a revisit Area SEND inspection between 31 January and 3 February 2022.

Inspectors recognised there had been “sufficient progress” in eight areas, previously identified as areas of weakness.

This included an improvement in embedding strategies, better co-production and engagement with parents and carers, improved understanding about inclusion in schools in Dudley and increasing the number of young people with SEND progressing into training and employment opportunities.

Inspectors, however, found that more needs to be done to be make progress in six areas including improving parent satisfaction and the management and sharing of information within EHC plans.

On Wednesday 23 March, we published a [special edition SEND Improvement Bulletin](#) in which you can read the letter in full and learn what our next steps are.

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