

Report title: Joint Area SEND revisit	
Report to: Essex Health and Wellbeing Board	
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County Divisions affected: All Essex	

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the outcome of the joint area SEND revisit which took place in May 2022 and the local area's ongoing commitment to the programme of improvement as set out in the SEN Strategy endorsed at the July meeting.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Recommend that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the outcome of the SEND revisit and the ongoing commitment to improvements.

3 Background

- 3.1 Between 17 to 19 May 2022, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) revisited the area of Essex to decide whether sufficient progress has been made in addressing each of the areas of significant weakness detailed in the inspection report letter published on 17 November 2019.
- 3.2 The revisit determined that sufficient progress has been made in addressing the significant weakness and that consequently the formal challenge and support visits from the Department for Education and NHS England will cease.
- 3.3 The details of the revisit are set out in the letter notifying the local area of the outcome (appendix one).
- 3.4 Following the notification of the outcome of the revisit the local area partners issued communications confirming their ongoing commitment to the improvement programme established following the initial inspection in 2019 (appendix two). The SEN Strategy endorsed in July and the delivery plan to follow will underpin the continuing commitment to improve outcomes for all children and young people with SEND.

4 List of appendices

Revisit outcome letter <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50189491>

Local area notification of outcome and ongoing commitment

<http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/ofsted-revisit-outcome-director-of-education-letter/>