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Dear Parent/Carer/Young Person

### **Local Area SEND Inspection: reminder**

As you will be aware, since May 2016 Ofsted and CQC have been carrying out inspections to evaluate how effectively local areas fulfil their responsibilities in relation to children and young people with SEND. The intention is that the inspection of all local areas in England will have been completed by May 2021. We are therefore anticipating our inspection will take place in the very near future and thought it would be helpful to provide you with some basic information regarding the inspection, what is likely to happen during it and some links to where you can find out more.

The inspection team will focus on the following key areas:

- **How effectively the local area identifies children and young people who have SEND.**
- **How effectively the local area meets the needs and improves the outcomes of children and young people with SEND.**
- **The effectiveness of the local area on improving outcomes for children and young people with SEND (0 to 25).**

Inspectors will evaluate how education, health and social care services work together in the best interests of children and young people; how services work together to support transition to adulthood and how effectively the local area considers the views of children and young people who have SEND and their families in planning provision.

Following the inspection, Ofsted and CQC will publish a report in the form of an outcome letter. This report will outline a summary of their findings, including key strengths and areas requiring further development.

Shropshire local area will be given five days' notice of an impending inspection. When we receive notification of the inspection we will publicise details on the Shropshire SEND Local Offer (<https://shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/>) and will contact all those who will have direct involvement. This will include parents, carers and young people.

Further information about the local area inspection can be found at:  
<https://shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/practitioners/send-local-area-inspections/>

Further details of the inspection framework and handbook are available at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-send-inspection-framework>

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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