

Announcement - Lincolnshire is being inspected by Ofsted and CQC

Your views are important to Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission

Monday 01 October 2018 to Friday 05 October 2018 - there will be an inspection of Lincolnshire local area's effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of, and improving outcomes for, children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will carry out jointly an inspection of our local area for five days Monday 1 October 2018 to Friday 5 October 2018.

The inspection will evaluate how effectively Lincolnshire:

- Identifies the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities
- Meets the needs of these children and young people so that their outcomes and chances of participating fully in society improve.

How can local children, young people, parents and carers contribute their views during this local area inspection?

The views of parents and carers are an important part of the inspection evidence.

1. The inspection will include a recorded online webinar to allow Lincolnshire's parents and carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities to contribute. The webinar will take place from noon on **Monday 24 September 2018 until midnight on Tuesday 02 October 2018**. It will be led by the lead inspector, who will ask parents and carers about their views and experiences on how effectively Lincolnshire is fulfilling the above responsibilities.

Parents and carers who would like to take part in this webinar can follow this internet link to register: <http://bit.ly/LASENDLincolnshireCC>

2. Parents and carers can contact their local Parent Carer Forum to request details of how they can attend the discussions held between parents and carers and the Ofsted/CQC inspection team.
3. Parents and carers can email their contributions to Lasend.support@ofsted.gov.uk.
4. Details about the local area SEND inspection will be available on the local authority's website and distributed through the local area's Clinical Commissioning Group/s (CCGs). Information about how children and young people with special educational needs and or disabilities can share their views about the local area's effectiveness should be included in the local offer.

Information on local area duties toward children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities can be found on the Department for Education's website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-guide-for-parents-and-carers>.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-privacy-notices/social-care-ofsted-privacy-notice#local-area-send-inspections>

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/about-us/our-policies/privacy-statement>.