

Local Area SEND Inspection Glossary

Inspection Terminology

Local Area SEND Inspection

A joint Ofsted and CQC inspection evaluating how effectively education, health and care partners work together to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

Additional Information Briefing (AIB)

A briefing prepared for inspectors that provides contextual information about a specific service area, theme, cohort, programme or aspect of SEND provision. AIBs help inspectors understand local arrangements, strengths, challenges and improvement activity.

Annex A

The formal information request issued by inspectors before the inspection. It details the documentation, performance information and evidence that the local area partnership must provide to support inspection activity.

Care Quality Commission (CQC)

The independent regulator of health and social care services in England and joint inspector of Area SEND arrangements.

Deep Dive

A detailed examination of a specific theme, service area, pathway or cohort to understand effectiveness and impact.

Engagement Meetings

Meetings between inspectors and senior leaders and practitioners across education, health and care to explore strategic leadership, performance and improvement.

Evidence Trail

The collection of evidence gathered by inspectors through documentation, meetings, visits, case tracking and stakeholder engagement.

Impact

The demonstrable difference that services and support make to the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND.

Inspection Notification

The point at which the local area is formally informed that a Local Area SEND Inspection will commence.

Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOEs)

Specific themes, pathways, cohorts or service areas selected by inspectors for more detailed exploration during the inspection.

Local Area Self-Evaluation Framework (SEF)

The partnership's assessment of its strengths, areas for development and impact on outcomes for children and young people.

Lived Experience

The real experiences of children, young people and families as they access support, services and provision.

Ofsted

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills. Jointly inspects local area SEND arrangements with CQC.

Partnership Action Plan (PAP)

A partnership improvement plan developed in response to inspection findings where inspectors identify priority areas requiring improvement.

Recommendations

Actions identified by inspectors to strengthen SEND arrangements and improve outcomes.

Stakeholder Engagement

Inspection activity involving children, young people, families, practitioners, leaders and partners to gather evidence about lived experience.

Tracked Learners

Children and young people selected by inspectors whose experiences are examined in detail to understand how effectively the local area identifies needs, coordinates support and improves outcomes across education, health and care.

Local Partnership Terminology

Designated Clinical Officer (DCO)

The senior health lead responsible for supporting statutory SEND duties and strategic development across health services.

Designated Social Care Officer (DSCO)

The senior social care lead responsible for supporting statutory SEND duties and strategic development across social care services.

Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN)

An independent representative group that brings together the views and experiences of parent carers.

Integrated Care Board (ICB)

The NHS organisation responsible for planning, commissioning and improving health services across the local area.

Joint Commissioning

The process through which local authorities and health partners work together to plan, fund and oversee services.

Local Offer

Information published by the local authority outlining services, support and opportunities available for children and young people with SEND and their families.

Multi-Agency Working

Collaboration between education, health, social care and wider partners to coordinate support and improve outcomes.

Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP)

The support and adjustments that mainstream settings are expected to provide without requiring an EHCP.

Preparing for Adulthood (PfA)

Support focused on helping young people achieve outcomes relating to employment, independent living, community participation and good health.

SENDIASS

SEND Information, Advice and Support Service providing impartial advice and support to children, young people and families.

SEND Local Area Partnership (LAP)

The collective system comprising local authority, health partners, education providers, social care and voluntary sector organisations responsible for SEND arrangements.

SEND Strategic Reform Board

The multi-agency governance group overseeing SEND Reform priorities, performance and improvement activity.

SEND System

The system that operates across organisational boundaries to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND throughout the partnership, managed by the SEND Local Area Partnership.

SEND Assurance and Improvement

Education and Inclusion's strategic approach to SEND assurance, review and oversight that supports effective investment, continuous improvement and better outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

For a glossary of general SEND terms visit: [Glossary of Terms | Hampshire CTSH](#)