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Dear parents and carers,

Re-visit to London Borough of Brent from 13 May 2019 to 15 May 2019.

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will carry out jointly a re-visit of your local area following the previous joint inspection of SEND that took place in May 2017.

The re-visit will evaluate how effectively leaders have addressed the areas of serious weaknesses detailed in the written statement of action (WSoA).

During the re-visit, Ofsted and CQC inspectors will be keen to speak to as many children and young people and their parents and carers as possible, specifically about the weaknesses identified in the WSoA.

The actions were:

- Strengthen CCG leadership in implementing the SEND reforms
- Implement joint commissioning arrangements to prevent gaps between services
- Address the lack of opportunity for therapists to respond to draft EHC plans before they are finalised
- Ensure timely access to paediatric diagnostic and therapy services
- Improve the opportunities for parental involvement when commissioning and designing services

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

There are several ways in which children, young people, parents and carers can engage with the re-visit process and contribute their views.

The inspectors will gather the contributions of parents and families through an online survey and a face-to-face open meeting. The focus of the online survey and open meeting will be set by the inspectors and will be based on the WSoA.

1. Complete the online survey

Parents and carers who would like to take part in this survey can follow this internet link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BrentRe-visitLASEND/>. **The**

survey will open at 12 noon on Friday 03 May 2019 and close at 12 noon on Friday 10 May 2019.

Parents and carers can submit their contributions via the online survey using the link provided above.

2. Attend the meeting

An open meeting, which will focus on areas identified in the WSoA, will take place on **Monday 13 May 2019 at Barham Primary School, Danethorpe Road, Wembley, Middx, HA0 4RQ from 5.30 – 7.00pm (refreshments from 5.00pm).**

You can book a place at the meeting online [here](#) or by contacting Brent Parent Carer Forum by email using this address: bpcfoffice@gmail.com.

Details about the local area SEND re-visit will be available on the Brent website and distributed through the local area's Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Information gathered during the re-visit

During this re-visit, inspectors may collect information about children and young people in the area. They may look at local area records, speak to area officers and leaders at educational settings, and speak to children, young people and parents or carers. No names will be recorded, but some of the information collected may identify a particular child, young person or adult. Ofsted and the CQC will use this information to prepare their re-visit outcomes letter, and for the purposes set out in their privacy notices. No information will be published that identifies any individual in the outcomes letter.

If you wish to know more about how we use the information, please see our privacy notice relating to LASEND on our website. If you have any concerns about our use of personal data, please email informationrequest@ofsted.gov.uk and/or the CQC at information.access@cqc.org.uk.

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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>

While we recognise that many parents and carers may have views on their experience that extend beyond the focus of the WSOA, we would like parents and carers to understand that the focus of the inspectors during the re-visit will only be the serious weaknesses identified at the previous inspection. The re-visit team will consider how well leaders have addressed each of the areas of serious weaknesses

detailed in the WSOA. We will not be able to follow up or comment upon individual cases.

You will find information on local areas' duties towards children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities on the Department for Education's website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-guide-for-parents-and-carers>.

Yours sincerely

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