

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Title: The SEND Green Paper, SEND Inspection Arrangements and Government Improvement Plan

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Wards Affected: All

Requires formal Member-level approval: Yes / No ([delete as appropriate](#))

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Summary

The presentation will update the Board on the following:

- **The SEND Green Paper: Right support, right place, right time** which was published on March 29th 2022.
- The Government's response to the consultation was published on 2nd March 2023 as the **SEND and alternative Provision improvement plan** and the **SEND and alternative provision road map**. The full document is available here. The Executive Summary and roadmap are attached with the papers as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.
- **A new area SEND inspection framework came into force on 1st January 2023.** The framework sets out the purposes and principles of inspection and its statutory basis, along with the inspection approach, model, frequency and timing. The area SEND inspection handbook provides further information about the inspection. In this inspection, inspectors focus mainly on how effectively the local authority and integrated care board jointly plan, evaluate and develop services for children and young people with SEND.

All local areas will receive a full inspection at least once during a 5 year period. Given the timing of the last inspection in 2017, Barking and Dagenham is likely to be fairly early in the cycle. The SEND inspection framework and handbook are available here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/area-send-framework-and-handbook/area-send-inspections-framework-and-handbook>

The presentation will provide an update on inspection preparation and improvement priorities to date. All areas are required to set up Local Area SEND Partnership Boards. The membership and terms of reference are attached at Appendix 3. The Partnership's self-evaluation, action plan, and draft strategy will be brought to the next Health and Wellbeing Board for consultation and review.

Recommendation(s)

The Group / Board is asked to:

- (i) Familiarise itself with the documents attached.
- (ii) Consider how the Health and Wellbeing Board will bring leadership, influence and direction to addressing the challenging priorities for improvement.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – SEND and Alternative Provision Improvement Plan – Executive Summary

Appendix 2 – SEND and Alternative Provision Road Map

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-and-alternative-provision-improvement-plan/send-and-alternative-provision-roadmap>

Appendix 3 – Barking and Dagenham SEND Area Partnership Board Terms of Reference