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Enfield London Borough Council

Katie Fisher
Chief Executive of NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board

Dear Tony Theodoulou and Katie Fisher

Ofsted and Care Quality Commission inspection of local area arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

Following our telephone call today, I am writing on behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (HMCI) and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to confirm that Enfield Local Area Partnership will be inspected under section 20 of the Children Act 2004 from **29 June 2026 to 03 July 2026**.

Fieldwork will begin on **25 June 2026**. Inspectors will commence onsite work from **29 June 2026 to 03 July 2026**.

I will lead your inspection and will be accompanied by Deana Wallworth – Ofsted Inspector, Nick Bennison – Social Care HMI and Geraldine Bates, Lesley Perry – CQC Inspectors. I may also be accompanied by additional inspectors shadowing the inspection or involved in quality assurance.

This inspection will be undertaken in accordance with the [area SEND framework and handbook](#). Please read and act on this guidance, in particular the actions that I outline below.

If you need to request any adaptations to the inspection process due to a protected characteristic, or any reasonable adjustments due to a disability, please let me know.

Immediate actions

If you have not done so already, please confirm the name of your local area nominated officer who will liaise with me to make the necessary arrangements for the inspection. I will have a telephone call with them this afternoon to discuss the inspection process.

Please also confirm the contact details for the DCS, LANO, and two additional people so that we can send them access details for the secure document store we will use during the inspection. The secure document store should be used to upload the information inspectors ask for to support the inspection, such as the information set out in Annex A of the [area SEND framework and handbook](#). It will also be used by the inspection team to share relevant documents with you.

Actions for the local area nominated officer

The nominated officer will support me in arranging the inspection. This will include agreeing the timetable, contacting and setting up meetings with stakeholders and confirming arrangements for the inspection team. The immediate actions following our setup meeting this afternoon will be to:

- Upload the required documents described in the Annex A information request to the secure documents store. Please use the folders provided that correspond to the Annex A reference. The local area partnership should not provide all of the information that it holds on each subject. Only the most recent information that relates to the scope of inspection should be provided and where possible, summary documents for items should be uploaded.
- Use the [person-level data guidance and template](#) to upload a list of children and young people by **11am on 16 June 2026**.
- Use the health commissioning template and social care information template, available in the secure document store, to upload a list of providers, services and settings in accordance with the inspection guidance by **11am on 16 June 2026**.
- Begin to make arrangements for the inspection as agreed in the set up meeting.
- Inform key stakeholders in the local area that an inspection is taking place.
- I would be very grateful if a room could be set aside for inspector(s) to work in, as the visit will involve the scrutiny of documents and meetings with area officers and leaders at educational settings, and speaking to children, young people and parents or carers.
- Distribute the links to our guidance documents for children and young people with SEND and parents and carers in the local area. The guidance documents are also available in EasyRead and BSL and provide information on what to expect during an area SEND inspection.

The link is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-send-inspections-information-for-families>

- Distribute the survey links to young people, families and practitioners, using as many online means as possible. There is suggested wording for these communications in the secure document store. These surveys will allow inspectors to consider the views of children and young people, parents and carers and practitioners. These survey links will be open from **15 June 2026 to 9am on 23 June 2026**. The survey link is:

<https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10436557>

The secure document store also includes Word copies of the surveys that can be used with accessibility software or to print copies. Please only use paper copies of the surveys when people cannot access the online links or when needed in a different format. Please send any paper copies of the surveys that have been completed and returned to you to data.areaSEND@ofsted.gov.uk by **3pm on 22 June 2026**. Please include the area name in the email header.

Ofsted and CQC employment and Disclosure and Barring Service¹ checks

In the course of the inspection, inspectors will visit a range of providers and services. They will speak with children and young people and their parents and carers about their experiences. All inspectors have undergone the appropriate employment checks, and an enhanced criminal record check within the last three years. They do not carry their DBS disclosure certificates with them but they all carry official Ofsted and CQC photo identification badges which are provided to confirm that they have been subject to the safeguarding process described above.

Privacy notice

During this inspection, the inspectors will collect information about children and young people in the area. They will be looking at local area records, speaking to area officers and leaders at settings, and speaking to children, young people and parents or carers. Ofsted and CQC will use this information to prepare the inspection report, and for the purposes set out in their privacy notices. No information will be published in the inspection report that identifies any individual.

More information is available in the Ofsted and CQC privacy notices, which can be found on these links:

¹ The DBS was established under the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 and merges the functions previously carried out by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA). <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/agencies-public-bodies/dbs/about-us1/what-we-do/>.

Ofsted:

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

CQC:

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

The contact details for Ofsted's Data Protection Officer are as follows.

informationrequest@ofsted.gov.uk

The contact details for CQC's Data Protection Officer are as follows:

information.access@cqc.org.uk

I hope this letter answers your immediate questions about the inspection, but if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr Kieran Bird

His Majesty's Inspector