

This plan sets out how education, health and care services will work together to improve the support, experiences and outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

It is an important part of how we are responding to the findings from the Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection.

The plan focuses on the three areas inspectors said needed urgent action, as well as six other areas that also need improvement.

The 3 Priority Actions



Improving wheelchair services

The inspection found serious delays in wheelchair assessments, repairs and equipment provision.

We will:

- reduce waiting times
- make sure children with the greatest needs are prioritised
- Improve communication with families
- provide clear recovery plans and regular updates
- strengthen oversight so these problems do not happen again



Understanding local needs better

We will develop a stronger picture of the needs of children and young people with SEND across Wokingham Borough through a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

This will help services:

- plan ahead more effectively
- identify gaps in support
- make better commissioning decisions
- target resources where they are most needed



Improving Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)

The inspection found that some EHCPs did not clearly describe children's needs or the support they should receive.

We will:

- improve the quality of EHCPs
- make sure health and social care advice is fully included
- improve annual reviews
- train staff across education, health and care
- involve families and young people in improving the process



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Better joined-up services

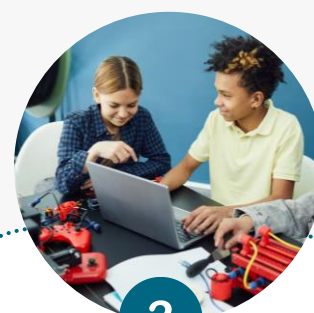
Education, health and care services will share information more effectively and make decisions together.



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Improving equipment services

We will improve access to specialist equipment and make sure children receive what they need more quickly.



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More local SEND provision

We will increase specialist school places, improve alternative provision and expand short breaks services so more children can access support closer to home.



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Communication about the SEND Local Offer

We will make information easier to find and understand, to increase awareness of the support available.



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Better access to annual health checks

We will improve access to annual health checks for children and young people with learning disabilities.



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Reducing therapy and assessment waiting times

We will work to improve access to:

- occupational therapy
- physiotherapy
- speech and language therapy
- CAMHS learning disability services
- autism and ADHD assessments and support

Recovery plans will focus on reducing delays and improving experiences for families.

How we will know things are improving

A new [SEND Area Improvement Board](#), led by an independent chair, will monitor progress and hold services to account. Education, health and care partners will regularly review performance and report on improvements.

This way of working will continue to shape future plans, including the ongoing development of [Wokingham's SEND and Inclusion Strategy](#).

Children, young people and families will play an important role in shaping what we do next.