

East Midlands SEND Peer Challenge- information for parents, carers and young people

Nottinghamshire County Council and CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) have commissioned a peer challenge for their SEND services and the experiences that children and young people and their families, have in Nottinghamshire.

The team is:

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The team will investigate three lines of enquiry which we have agreed in advance with Nottinghamshire, and we will report with an impartial and independent approach.

The three key lines of enquiry are:

- **The lived experiences of children and their families of SEND services and provision in Nottinghamshire**
- **Education, Health and Care Plans in Nottinghamshire - process, quality, and outcomes**
- **Transitions from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3 – early identification and support arrangements for children transitioning to the secondary phase**

A Peer Challenge operates similarly to a real OfSTED/CQC inspection for SEND and Inclusion, with all five reviewers meeting and interviewing focus groups across two days, 22/23rd June.

We are also hoping to meet with parents and carers, including the Nottinghamshire Parent & Carer Forum, alongside meeting a sample group of young people from the county, who experience SEND themselves. These meetings will be before or around the timing of the challenge itself, and are important to find out from families, what their experiences are of growing up in Nottinghamshire, with schools, colleges and facilities which enable children with additional needs to have great lives and good outcomes. A report will be provided after the challenge process to the county council and CCG.

What do we ask from parents/carers and children/young people?

There are no right or wrong answers! We want to know from you:

- **What is working well and why?**

- **What are the challenges and issues and why?**
- **What steps can we take to resolve these?**
- **What would you like to see in the future?**

We are very much interested in your personal experiences and views, but as this is a chance to hear from a range of people, we would ask that if you have an on-going problem with regard to your experiences, we would ask to resolve this with Notts outside of the session.

You can find out more about the groups and events for children and parents/carers from abbi.faulkner@nottsc.gov.uk

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to meeting you

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