



**To:  
Parents and Carers of Children and  
Young People with Special  
Educational Needs and/or Disabilities  
(SEND)**

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Dear Parent/Carer

A big thank you to all the children, young people, parents and carers who gave up their time to contribute their views as a vital part of the Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) SEND (special educational needs and/or disabilities) inspection last week (6-10 Nov 2017).

The team of inspectors were in South Gloucestershire looking at how effectively the local area (including council, education and health services) is in:

- Identifying the needs of children and young people with SEND
- Meeting the needs of these children and young people with SEND
- Improving their outcomes and chances of taking part fully in society.

All three inspectors asked both Rachel Trueman from South Gloucestershire Parents and Carers (the local independent Parent/Carer Forum) and the other leads on the inspection team to express their appreciation to the families who contributed to the SEND inspection.

This included the Ofsted and CQC hosted webinar on 3 November and also their online survey that ran until 7 November. The inspectors said that a combined total of 276 families took part and that it really helped them to understand what families of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities are saying and feeling.

Through the week, the inspectors also spoke to children, young people and their parents and carers at early years, schools and post-16 education settings. They held dedicated sessions with the Parent/ Carer Forum and separately with a group of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities about their participation, involvement and engagement.

We really appreciate all your input and we will share the outcome letter with you when it is published. **This is expected towards the end of January 2018.**

In the meantime:

- We are working together to collate your views gathered through engagement events held between June and October 2017 and will be writing a draft SEND strategy that will go out to public consultation in the new year. Check

[www.southglos.gov.uk/SENDstrategy](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/SENDstrategy) for updates on how you can get involved as we develop the strategy.

- Lots of other ongoing work is happening that children, young people, parents and carers are involved in such as the SEND pathways working group which will be looking at annual reviews, preparing for adulthood, information and communications, one page profiles designed by young people for Education, Health and Care Plans, education personal budgets and SEN Support.

Did you know?

- Further information about support and opportunities available in South Gloucestershire for families can be found on our Local Offer at [www.southglos.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/localoffer)
- South Gloucestershire Parents and Carers is the local independent Parent/Carer Forum who work to collect the views and voices of parents and carers. Find out about the various support groups they run and how to join South Gloucestershire Parents and Carers on their website: [www.sglospc.org.uk](http://www.sglospc.org.uk) . Also if you wish to leave your views about any service across Education, Health and Social Care please do complete their online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/pc-tell-us>

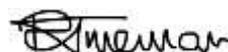
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