

Written Statement of Action update following the latest Support and Challenge meeting 5

As part of the Local Area's Written Statement of Action the Department for Education and NHSE hold regular monitoring meetings to measure progress across the identified areas of weakness.

Throughout the Local Area's Written statement of Action 5 monitoring meetings have taken place, the latest support and challenge meeting had the overarching aim to judge the rate of progress with a focus on identifying improved outcomes and impact in Rotherham.

The full monitoring pack submitted by the Local Area has been included as part of this update on the Local Offer. The formal note of visit from the Department for Education and NHSE commented that:

"The Local Area has made considerable progress in its focus on 'impact'. Impact relates primarily to "the day-to-day lived experiences of children, young people with SEND and their families". Impact also seeks feedback from practitioners and stakeholders".

Specific comments in relation to the recent developments of the Local Offer include:

Ultimately, communication regarding SEND has been greatly strengthened in Rotherham by up-grading and publicising the Local Offer. The Local Offer is now much improved and the Local Area, including health, social care, SEND adult services, all continue to check and up-date available information to embed and sustain progress.

Following support and challenge meeting 5 it was confirmed that Rotherham wouldn't be subject to a re-visit based on progress against the Written Statement of Action, instead any re-inspection would form part of the timetable under the new SEND inspection framework.

The Local Authority also received confirmation that the formal support and challenge process in its current form will not extend beyond meeting 5 and that progress will continue to be monitored as part of the SEND Development plan for Rotherham.