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Letter to be circulated to parents and carers by **South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council**.

Re-visit of South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council from 10 October to 12 October 2022.

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will carry out jointly, a re-visit of your local area following the previous inspection that took place in 2019.

The re-visit will evaluate progress against these specific areas: EHCPs; Preparation for Adulthood; Commissioned services; Co-Production and how we work together. The re-visit will be carried out in line with updated guidance about the return to Area SEND inspection, you can read this guidance [here](#).

During the re-visit, Ofsted and CQC inspectors will be keen to speak to as many children and young people and their parents and carers as possible, about these areas. These meetings may take place online

How you can share your views?

The inspectors will gather your views in a number of ways:

1. **On line Survey** - take part by following this link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SouthTynesideMetropolitanBoroughCouncilRe-VisitLASEND/> The survey will open at 12 noon on Monday **3 October** and close at 12 noon on Friday **7 October 2022**.
2. **Email** – Send your views to : Lasend.support@ofsted.gov.uk.
3. **South Tyneside Parent Carer Forum** - find out more about how you can share your views during the Revisit through the Facebook page @southtynesideparentcarerforum or website www.stpcf.org
4. **Parent Carer meeting** – there will be a meeting either in person or on line, look out for notifications through the Parent Carer Forum, SENDIASS, and SEND Local Offer.

Details about the local area SEND re-visit will be available through our SEND Local Offer (www.southtyneside.gov.uk/SENDlocaloffer) distributed through North East & North Cumbria ICB.

Information gathered during the re-visit

During this re-visit, inspectors may collect information about children and young people in the area. They may look at local area records, speak to local area officers and leaders at educational settings, and speak to children, young people and parents or carers. No names will be recorded, but some of the information collected may identify a particular child, young person or adult. Ofsted and the CQC will use this information to prepare their re-visit outcomes letter, and for the purposes set out in their privacy notices. No information will be published that identifies any individual in the outcomes letter.

If you wish to know more about how we use the information, please see our privacy notice relating to area SEND on our website. If you have any concerns about our use of personal data, please email informationrequest@ofsted.gov.uk and/or the CQC at information.access@cqc.org.uk.

Information on Ofsted's and the CQC's privacy notices is available on the links below:

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

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

While we recognise that many parents and carers may have views on their experience that extend beyond the focus of the WSOA, we would like parents and carers to understand that the focus of the inspectors during the re-visit will only be the areas of significant weakness identified at the previous inspection. The re-visit team will consider how well leaders have addressed each of the areas of significant weakness detailed in the WSOA. We will not be able to follow up or comment upon individual cases.

You will find information on local areas' duties towards children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities on the Department for Education's website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-guide-for-parents-and-carers>.

Yours sincerely

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