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PROGRAMME UPDATE

SECTION 4

Ofsted Written Statement of Action (WSOA)

On the 16 July 2019 Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission published their Joint Area Inspection Report on the borough's SEND offer and services.

Following on from this inspection we were required to submit a Written Statement of Action (WSOA) or action plan outlining how we are going to improve our offer across the board over the next 18 months. Our Written Statement of Action has been designed around the fourteen areas of concern raised by the inspectors and was co-produced with our partners including the council, Dudley Parent Carer Forum, Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group and Youth Justice.

The SEND Written Statement of Action (WSOA) was submitted on the 16th October 2019. Although it received some positive feedback, more work will be required to ensure it's satisfactory. Further work was undertaken and the WSOA was re-submitted on the 26th November. We are currently awaiting feedback and sign off to proceed.

We have appointed Senior Responsible Officers from across the Dudley Partnership to oversee each of the fourteen areas of concern to ensure sound governance and oversight. The WSOA is currently embargoed but once it is signed off we will be sharing with all stakeholders across the Dudley System.

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