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## PROGRAMME UPDATE

### Section 2

#### Ofsted Written Statement of Action (WSOA)

**Dudley's Written Statement of Action will outline how and when we are going to improve our SEND offer**

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 Written Statement of Action was submitted to Ofsted on the 15 October and details how we will see rapid improvement in a number of areas including better identifying and assessing needs, creating a better understanding of inclusion, improved communication with parents, developing joint commissioning plans, and improving post-19 provision for young adults with additional needs as well as helping young people with SEND into work.

Ofsted's response to our Written Statement of Action has been positive and detailed but they have asked us to undertake some additional detailed work over the next few weeks and resubmit by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

We will be regularly meeting with Department for Education (DfE) advisor Charlie Palmer to discuss our approach and receive advice on the Written Statement of Action (WSOA) and our improvement journey. We are likely to be re-visited by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission, usually around 18 months after the statement has been approved to monitor our progress against the plan, during which time we will be subject to a minimum of four support and challenge visits to the local area by DfE and NHS England advisers.