

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission 16th March 2026 Item 4 - SEND Area Inspection Outcome - Council Response	Item No 4
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Outline

An Area SEND inspection of Hackney Local Area Partnership took place between 17th to 21st November 2025. SEND inspections are undertaken jointly by Ofsted/ Care Quality Commission under a new inspection framework which came into force June 6th 2025.

There are three possible outcomes to Area SEND Inspections:

1. The local area partnership's arrangements typically lead to positive experiences and outcomes for children and young people with SEND. The local area partnership is taking action where improvements are needed.
2. The local area partnership's arrangements lead to inconsistent experiences and outcomes for children and young people with SEND. The local area partnership must work jointly to make improvements.
3. There are widespread and/or systemic failings leading to significant concerns about the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND, which the local area partnership must address urgently.

In January 2026, Hackney was assessed as outcome 2 for its Area SEND inspection. The full report including improvement actions is included in the agenda pack.

Cllr Anya Sizer, Deputy Cabinet Member for Families, Early Years & SEND is to set out the Council's response to the inspection to members.