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Dear parent or carer,

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission are evaluating the way in which they inspect local area SEND. They would like to invite parents and carers to comment on their approach to inspection and how they could improve it.

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will carry out a focus group with parents and carers from Derbyshire local area between 10:00 – 11:00 on 19 June at County Offices, Matlock. Inspectors will be there as researchers, collecting evidence from parents and carers on how effectively they inspect and report on:

- how local areas identify the needs of children and young people with SEND
- how local areas meet the needs of these children and young people so that their outcomes and chances of participating fully in society improve.

Please note that we are there to evaluate the effectiveness of our inspection practice and not to make comments on the local area or individual cases. **We will not be able to act upon any issues you raise as we are not inspecting the local area.**

We would however welcome comments from parents and carers on how we engage with you during inspection, what you feel about the inspection process and what impact it may have had on improving SEND services in the local area.

How can parents and carers contribute their views during this local area inspection?

Parents and carers from Derbyshire can engage with the evaluation process and contribute their views by:

1. attending an open session to feedback to inspectors. This will take place at 10:00 -11:00 on 19th June at County Offices, Matlock.
2. feeding your views to your local parent/carers forum who will meet with the Ofsted/CQC evaluation team.

Yours sincerely

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Her Majesty's Inspector