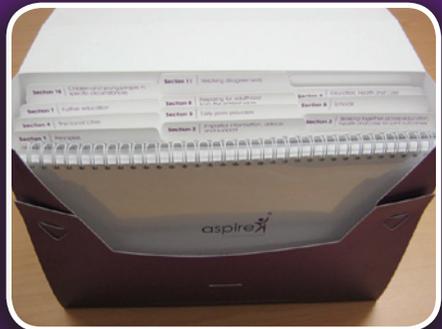




Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Quality Assurance Toolkit

Supporting the implementation of
the SEND reforms and getting you
ready for the new SEND Ofsted
Inspection Framework.



What is the Aspire SEND Quality Assurance Toolkit?

Developed by Jane Harrison, the Aspire SEND Quality Standards toolkit is an 'invest to save' management tool comprising of a set of SEND Quality Standards which are structured within a Self Evaluation Framework.

Using the SEND Code of Practice as the basis, the toolkit is structured to enable you to work with staff, partners and stakeholders to self evaluate your progress across a whole set of SEND Quality Standards, bringing all of the evidence together in one place.

A separate handy resource pack comes with it providing some tools to assist you.

The toolkit will help you to evidence your progress, identify any gaps and support the development of an action plan to address the gaps and meet future priorities.

The SEND Quality Assurance Toolkit has been developed in partnership with North Tyneside Council, who have reviewed and piloted some of the materials.

"This is just what we need"

"This will build in quality assurance earlier in the pipeline and before the EHC plans go to panel – reducing the amount of time we return incomplete plans which cause delays in the process"

"This will help partners to better understand their role and responsibilities"

"Helpful for new staff"

"The toolkit gives us a framework to use on an individual and service area basis"

"Ade memoir and physical access to the pack will be very useful"

"Toolkit will be good to use with staff and parents"

North Tyneside Council

Who is the SEND Quality Toolkit aimed at?

The toolkit is aimed at those who have responsibility for implementing the SEND reforms at a strategic and operational level, including those who have SEND responsibility from Health and Social Care.

It will also be invaluable for those who are quality assuring EHC plans including local authority and Independent Support teams.

What are the benefits?

The SEND Quality Assurance Toolkit is intended to be used to assess and benchmark your progress in order to inform strategic and operational planning and service improvement. The benefits of using the SEND Quality Assurance Toolkit are far reaching for LAs/Organisations, partners, parents and young people and include:

Bringing efficiency and effectiveness into the SEND system

Helps you to produce high quality EHC assessments and EHC plans;

Helps you to meet the statutory timelines - Improved Quality Assurance processes around the EHC needs assessment and EHC plan brings in Quality Assurance earlier in the pipeline and will reduce the number of EHCP's that 'bounce back';

Helps you to improve your systems and processes, increasing the levels of satisfaction in the new system and process from parents and young people;

Supports co-production and person centred planning, ensuring that the voice of the child, young person and parent is threaded throughout the reform agenda;

Supports workforce development and capacity building, developing knowledge and skills and the culture change that is needed;

Supports Individual Professional Development with quality assurance forming part of an induction programme and professional supervision and support;

Supports the delivery of more efficient and effective systems and processes – providing Value for Money.

Supporting LA/Organisations readiness for Ofsted

LAs/Organisations will be able to assess their progress across all of the SEND reform areas as detailed in the Code of Practice and have a strong evidence base;

SEND Boards/Strategic Boards will have a clear understanding of priority areas and the actions needed to address these;

Greater levels of accountability and responsibility across all partner agencies;

Partners will have a better understanding of their legal obligations in delivering to the SEND agenda and their contribution to the Ofsted Inspection Framework.

If you would like more information on the SEND Quality Assurance toolkit or to discuss your individual requirements please contact Jane Harrison.

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