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**Melanie John-Ross, Executive Director  
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LETTER TO PARTNERS

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Dear Colleague,

**Ofsted Inspection - SEND**

I am writing to make you aware that HMI (Her Majesty's Inspectorate) ) and CQC (Care Quality Commission) have notified the authority and the CCG that an Inspection of Local Area Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Services is now underway. The inspectors will be on site between 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Throughout the course of the inspection, the inspection team, HMI lead inspector, Ofsted and the CQC will be assessing the Council's and partners' effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.

This will include conducting a thorough inspection of policies, plans, case files and practices, as well as seeking the views of staff, partners, service users and wider stakeholders. Inspectors will determine our overall effectiveness through looking at the extent of good practice across the relevant education, health and social care services, outcomes for children and young people with SEND, the extent and impact of any areas for improvement, and where areas for improvement have been identified, the extent to which leaders and managers have a 'grip' on the issue.

Our strategic inspection lead is Nina Sleight (Service Director for Education, Early Start and Prevention), who will be supported by Lisa Loach (Programme & Improvement Manager) who is the Local Area Nominated Officer.

I would be grateful if you could cascade this message onto your teams.

If you have any questions about the inspection, please contact me ([melaniejohn-ross@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:melaniejohn-ross@barnsley.gov.uk)) or Nina Sleight ([ninasleight@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:ninasleight@barnsley.gov.uk))

Kind regards,

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