

Quality

EXCHANGE

Thursday 15th January 2026

10.00-11.30

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AGENDA

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Ofsted
 - Summary of inspections to date
 - Feedback from inspections:
 - System Group
 - Bury Council
 - Discussion
- SDN Mesma Group
- AoB
- Next Steps

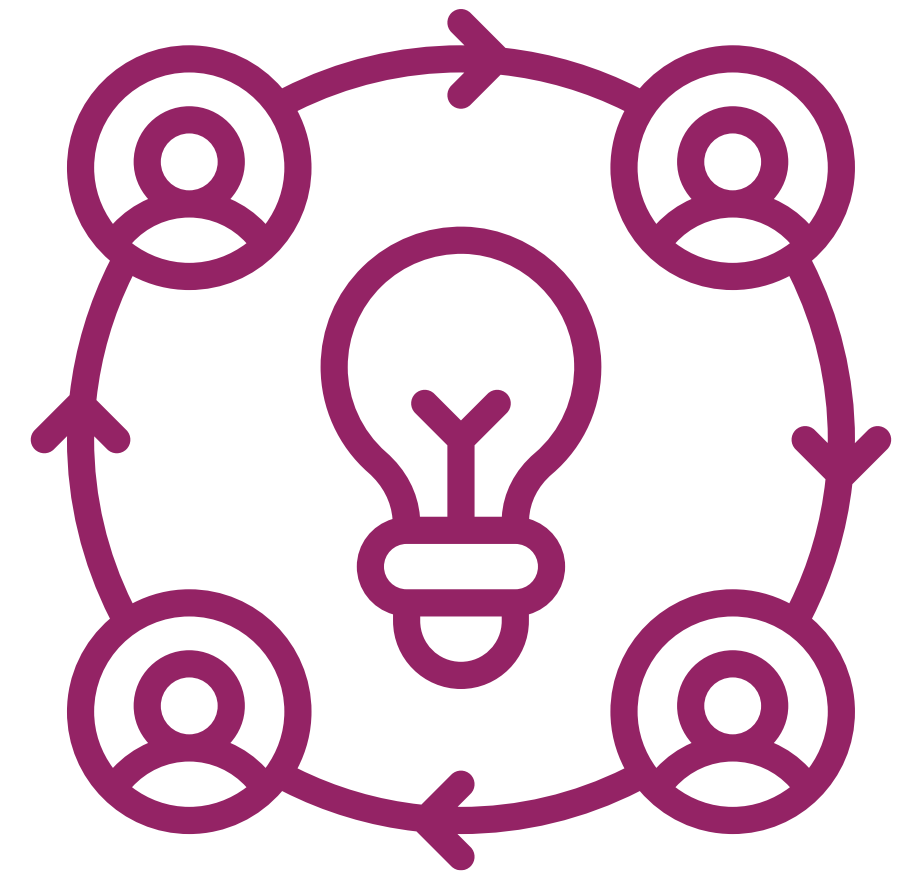
EXCHANGES



SHARE GOOD
PRATICE



DISCUSS
CHALLENGES



COLLABORATE

CURRENT EXCHANGES

GMLPN Member Exclusive



QUALITY



SAFEGUARDING



SEND



FE RECRUITMENT
& WORKFORCE



MENTAL HEALTH
& WELLBEING

EXCHANGES

Open to all providers in GM



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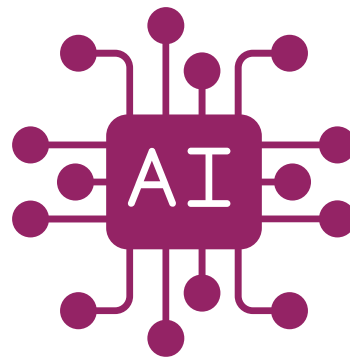


BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

People and Employer Engagement



Provider
Networks
Community
of Practice



AI

In partnership with ALPS Alphi (Surrey Provider Network)

QUALITY CHAIR WELCOME



Emma Lowe-Hewitt
Quality, Compliance and Functional Skills Manager
Rochdale Training



IMPACT EVALUATION



<https://www.menti.com/al27n3yf8szq>



GM SKILLS AWARDS 2026

NOMINATIONS OPEN!



GMLPN
Greater Manchester
Learning Provider Network



Greater Manchester
Chamber of Commerce

Timeline



**w/c 24th
November
2025**

**Nominations
Open**



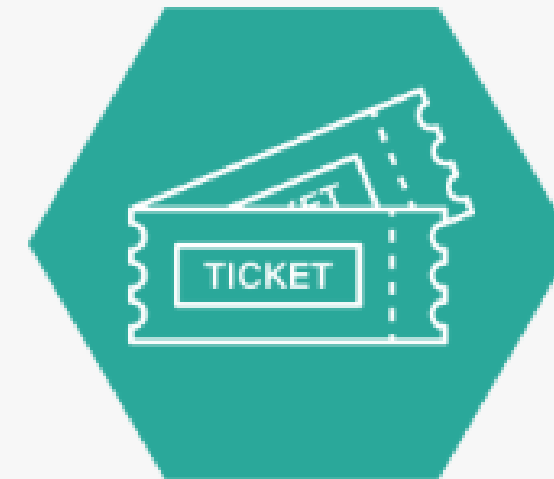
**13th February
2026**

**Nominations
Close**



**w/c 30th
March 2026**

**Shortlists
Announced**



**w/c 30th
March 2026**

Tickets Open



2nd July 2026

**Awards
Evening**



Award Categories



- **Intermediate Apprentice of the Year**
 - Sponsored by Pearson
- **Advanced Apprentice of the Year**
 - Sponsored by GMColleges
- **Higher Apprentice of the Year**
 - Sponsored by Rochdale Training
- **Degree Apprentice of the Year**
- **16-19 Learner of the Year**
 - Sponsored by NOCN
- **Adult Learner of the Year**
 - Sponsored by NCFE
- **Shining Star of the Year**
 - Sponsored by The Growth Company
- **Unsung Hero of the Year**
 - Sponsored by Gateway Qualifications
- **Team of the Year**
 - Sponsored by 1st2 Achieve Training
- **SME of the Year**
 - Sponsored by The Edge Foundation
- **Large Employer of the Year**
 - Sponsored by the NW Apprenticeship Ambassador Network
- **Community Initiative of the Year**
 - Sponsored by Howarth Air Tech
- **Partnership Project of the Year**
 - Sponsored by Manchester, a UNESCO City of Lifelong Learning
- **Outstanding Contribution to FE & Skills 2026**



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**SUMMARY OF
INSPECTIONS TO DATE**

OFSTED FAQs Blog Live



[Blog](#)

Ofsted: education

Organisations: [Ofsted](#)

Further education and skills inspections: frequently asked questions

[Lee Owston, National Director, Education](#), 8 January 2026 - [education inspection framework](#), [further education and skills](#)

Blog post

Search blog

About 'Ofsted blog: schools and further education and skills'

This blog will look at the way Ofsted inspects education in schools and the further education and skills sector. It will update you on developments and feature current issues.

Categories

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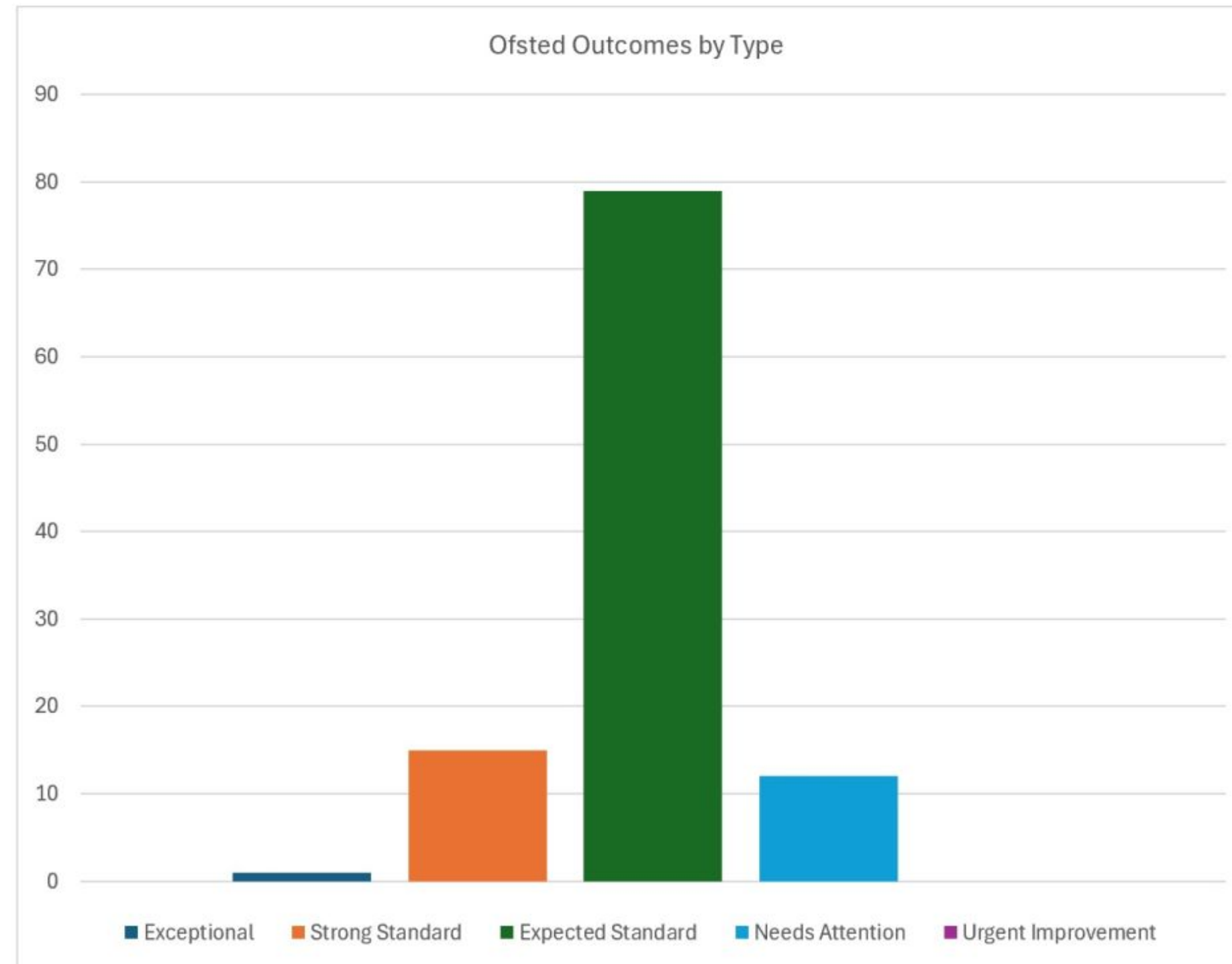


E.g.

- When will my FE and skills provision be inspected?
- Who can take on the role of nominee and what do they do?
- What happens on the planning call?
- What data will we need?
- What do you mean by 'barriers to learning and/or wellbeing' and how do you define 'disadvantaged'?
- + more!

[Further education and skills inspections: frequently asked questions – Ofsted: education](#)

OFSTED SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS TO DATE



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From the 18 ILP/EP providers inspected:

- ✓ 100% achieved Safeguarding Met
- ✓ 0 Urgent Improvement grades awarded
- ✓ 1 Exceptional grade (for Adult Learning Achievement)
- ⚠ 4 providers received Needs Attention for Inclusion
- ⚠ 3 providers received Needs Attention for Leadership & Governance

Grade Distribution Patterns

Leadership and Governance:

1 Strong Standard
14 Expected Standard
3 Needs Attention

Inclusion:

1 Strong Standard
13 Expected Standard
4 Needs Attention

The standout finding?

Inclusion and Leadership and Governance are where providers are most vulnerable

[Source: Mark Simpkins \(1\) The First Ofsted Report Cards: What They Reveal About the New Framework | LinkedIn](#)

OFSTED SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS TO DATE

Next Step Theme	Frequency
Improve SEND identification, support and review processes	8
Staff training on SEND/pedagogical skills	7
Revisit Prevent/radicalisation throughout programme	6
Improve careers guidance (detailed, tailored)	5
Strengthen governance educational expertise/challenge	4
Improve functional skills teaching/timing	4
Employer involvement in design/reviews	3
Healthy relationships curriculum for young learners	3
Data analysis by learner characteristics	3
Wider development opportunities	3

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FEEDBACK FROM INSPECTIONS





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DISCUSSION

OFSTED DISCUSSION

- Reflections on feedback
- What are you doing to prepare for changes e.g. quality assurance processes?
- Are there any challenges interpreting the new framework?
- What more support / clarification do you need?
 - *We will feed this into Ofsted*

GMLPN EVENTS



- **SEND Exchange** | [Mon, Jan 26, 2026 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)
- **CEIAG Exchange** | [Fri, Feb 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)
- **How to Prepare for and Manage Inspection Effectively** | [Fri, Mar 6, 2026 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)
- **GMLPN Network Meeting** | [Wed, Feb 25, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#) (Ofsted input)
- **Emerging Findings & Lessons Learned from the First Inspections** | [Wed, Mar 11, 2026 at 2:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)
- **Powerful Pedagogy in Practice: Turning Evidence into Inclusive Learning** | [Fri, Mar 27, 2026 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)



SDN Mesma Group



IMPACT EVALUATION



<https://www.menti.com/alhftiubvbwh>

NEXT STEPS

- Summary shared
- Online space to host resources – coming soon
- Next meeting – 21st April 2026
 - What do they want to cover?

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Thank you!



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