

Some positives, but not enough progress say Ofsted Inspectors



Ofsted has published its latest monitoring report after inspectors visited our Children's Services.

There has not been enough progress made in key areas since Ofsted's full inspection and some serious issues remain, but there are some positives highlighted in today's report.

You can read more about Ofsted's report, and our reaction to it, in the story on our news centre at www.devon.gov.uk/news/some-positives-but-not-enough-progress-for-children-in-devon-and-serious-issues-remain-say-inspectors/.

Levelling up funding announced for projects in Devon

Multi-million pound schemes to improve transport links in Exmouth and Okehampton are among more than 100 projects receiving a share of £2.1 billion through the Government's latest round of Levelling Up funding.

[We've been awarded £15.7 million to complete the Dinan Way link in Exmouth](#), and West Devon

Borough Council has successfully received £13.4 million to develop a new railway station on the eastern edge of Okehampton.



The funding for the Destination Exmouth project will enable the completion of Dinan Way link road, helping to tackle congestion and remove traffic from the town centre. The project, which is also supported by East Devon District Council, will improve walking and cycling routes as well as enhancing the town's transport hub.

The West Devon Transport Hub will build on the successful reinstatement of the Dartmoor Line in November 2021. As well as a new station on the outskirts of Okehampton, the scheme will also include cycle facilities and electric vehicle charging points to promote active travel and green travel.

Support for families as food poverty rises



The number of households in Devon unable to access or afford the food that they need to ensure that they and their families stay healthy has increased by 70 per cent in 18 months. And more than a third of households say that they plan to switch off their heating altogether this winter to help make ends meet.

We're working with local partners, including local councils, the NHS and the voluntary and community sector, on ways to support communities, and there are a variety of schemes on offer depending on people's circumstances.

These include the Household Support Fund, Free School Meals and Free School Meals Holiday Voucher scheme, The Holiday Activity and Food Programme and Citizens Advice Devon.

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