



Nursing Provision in Specialist Education Settings

(Emma Smith's report for SSV, shared with DfE and NHS England in November 2021)

Recommendations

1. An NHS commissioning framework is required for children and young people with additional and complex health needs and disabilities attending specialist education settings.
2. Annual nursing need assessments should be undertaken in specialist education settings to inform commissioning and workforce planning.
3. Consideration should be given to the legal implications of specialist education settings commissioning and providing clinical nursing care.
4. Delegation of nursing procedures to 'support workers' in schools should be within a robust delegation framework.
5. There is a need to review and clarify how the different training offers and approaches provided across the country to school staff fits with professional requirements and standards for delegation.
6. Ofsted and CQC should explore how delivery of clinical nursing services in specialist education settings could be incorporated into the joint local area SEND inspection framework.