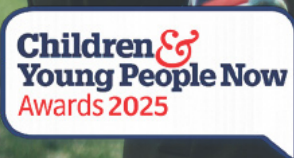
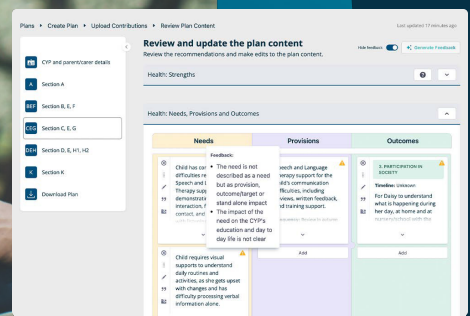
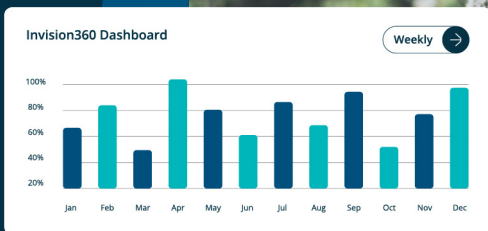
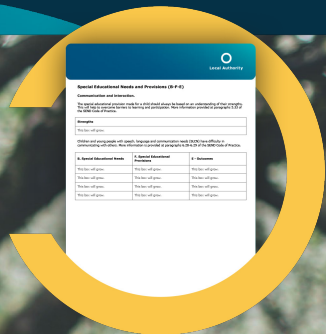
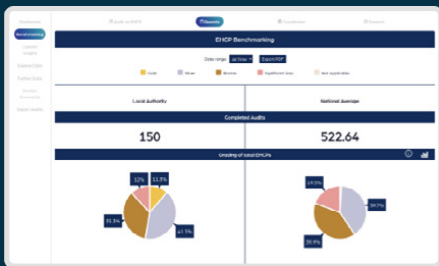


# EMBEDDING INVISION360 SOLUTIONS WITHIN LOCAL SEND REFORM PLANS

*Supporting reform delivery, quality assurance and workforce sustainability*



# PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

**Local SEND Reform Plans require a balance of ambition and operational risk.** Their purpose, to outline how local area partnerships will build on existing foundations, modernise systems and embed national reform priorities, all while continuing to deliver effective, high-quality statutory services throughout a period of significant change.

**Across the sector, the most consistent challenge is not intent, but capacity.**

Local authorities are tasked with transforming the SEND system at a time when demand is increasing, workforce constraints are tightening and inspection scrutiny is intensifying.

The challenge lies in freeing SEND officer and leadership capacity so that staff can contribute meaningfully to reform initiatives such as Experts at Hand, alongside continuing to delivery high quality and timely existing SEND functions.

In addition to new programmes such as Experts at Hand and a renewed focus on early intervention and mainstream inclusion, local authorities are expected to:

- Maintain lawful and timely statutory delivery
- Improve quality and consistency
- Reduce system pressure and variation
- Strengthen confidence for children, young people and families
- Ensure reform is delivered in a way that is sustainable for the workforce
- Use AI and technological support to enable the development of a quality, sustainable system

**Invision360 partners with local areas to address this challenge directly** – by strengthening EHCP quality, consistency and timeliness, while releasing professional capacity to enable reform activity to be delivered sustainably. This document outlines **how Invision360's SEND solutions can be embedded within Local SEND Reform Plans.**

# INVISION360 AT A GLANCE

## TWO COMPLEMENTARY PRODUCTS

Invision360 provides two distinct and complementary SEND system solutions, each designed to address a different but inter-linked challenge facing local areas.

### Quality assurance modules

Digital tools supporting structured, consistent quality assurance of:

- Education, Health and Care Plans
- The annual review process

These modules strengthen:

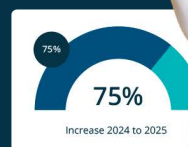
- Quality and consistency
- Compliance
- Inspection readiness
- Continuous improvement across the EHCP lifecycle

### VITA: AI-Powered EHCP drafting

A generative AI tool designed specifically for SEND professionals to produce high-quality first-draft EHCPs, freeing time and capacity while retaining professional judgement and decision-making.

**Used together, these tools support a SEND system that is:**

- More resilient
- More consistent
- Better able to deliver reform alongside statutory duties



# VITA - ENABLING REFORM BY STABILISING THE STATUTORY SYSTEM

VITA is Invision360's AI-powered EHCP drafting tool, developed by an experienced evidence-based, and practitioner-led team, with proven capabilities and impact.

VITA supports SEND teams to:

- Generate high-quality first-draft EHCPs
- Apply consistent application of drafting standards across caseworkers
- Identifying gaps or weaknesses in advice earlier in the process
- Reduce avoidable rework and delay

## **VITA, does not replace professional judgements or decision-making**

By reducing drafting time, VITA:

- Frees SEND professional and leadership capacity
- Enables participation in Experts at Hand
- Supports early intervention and inclusion activity
- Stabilises statutory delivery during reform

## **Transparency and confidence for families**

VITA includes clear citations showing where information within an EHCP has been drawn from.

This:

- Improves clarity and trust for families
- Supports constructive conversations and coproduction
- Reduces dispute and escalation

# VITA IN PRACTICE - SUPPORTING SEND REFORM PLANS

Local authorities are already using VITA to underpin SEND reform and service improvement.

*"Torbay Council are pleased to be working with Invision360 VITA, an AI solution that will support best practice and will help inform our new SEND Reform Plan, with regards to key efficiencies.*

*As a council who has worked alongside Invision360 to develop the VITA system we are delighted to now be using this innovation to ensure that we can produce the best quality EHCPs in a timely way for our families"*

**Hannah Baker - Divisional Director of Education - Torbay Council**

*"VITA offers real promise in helping us speed up productivity, improve the quality of our EHCPs, and create a more consistent approach across the service.*

*Used alongside the Invision360 QA tool, it will support the continued development of high-quality written plans that make a genuine difference to children, young people and their families."*

**Hilary Cook - Head of Service SEND - Tameside Council**

# THE ROLE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE IN SUSTAINING REFORM

While VITA supports efficiency and capacity, local authorities also require robust mechanisms to define, monitor and improve quality over time. **High-functioning SEND systems are characterised by:**

- Shared expectations of EHCP quality
- Consistent application across teams and multi agencies
- Oversight that supports improvement, not just compliance
- Evidence that stands up to inspection scrutiny

**Invision360's quality assurance modules provide this structure.**

**Used by over a third of local authorities,** these tools enable comparison against a nationally consistent benchmark while remaining adaptable to local priorities.



# INVISION360 QUALITY ASSURANCE MODULES

Together, these modules provide end-to-end visibility of EHCP quality, but can be implemented proportionately, depending on local priorities and capacity.

## EHCP quality assurance module

Evaluate the quality of EHCPs at the point of drafting and finalisation, helping local authorities to:

- Apply shared expectations of EHCP quality, reducing subjectivity and variation between caseworkers or system partners
- Identify SEND partnership improvement themes
- Provide evidence for governance and oversight
- Gather feedback from CYP and parents/carers on their experience of the EHC needs assessment process

## Annual review quality assurance module

Focuses on the quality and effectiveness of the Annual Reviews process, supporting local authorities to:

- Assess whether reviews are purposeful and meaningful
- Strengthen co-production over time
- Identify progress towards CYP outcomes
- Provide evidence for governance and oversight
- Gather feedback from CYP and parents/carers on their experience of the annual review process

*"The consistency and clarity of the QA process has strengthened the quality of our EHCPs, with plans that are now more precisely drafted, better formulated and easier for practitioners to interpret and implement. I have observed how the improved quality of EHCPs is helping schools deliver more targeted, effective support that makes a tangible difference to our learners."*

**CEO & Headteacher, Bury local area School**

*"The EHCP is clear and detailed, and I felt it genuinely reflected my child's needs and helped the school understand how to support her. Staff can read the document, understand and know how to help. The whole process felt supportive and now my child is thriving socially and academically. It's been amazing to see. She's happy at school now."*

**Parent, Bury local area**

# INSPECTION- ALIGNED AND INSPECTION - EVIDENCED

Invision360's Quality Assurance modules are **regularly referenced within Ofsted and CQC local area SEND inspection outcome letters**, demonstrating their relevance to inspection expectations.

*"Leaders are using a wider range of data more effectively, including tools to support the monitoring of EHC plan quality... The quality of plans is strengthening, with more detailed, personalised content."*

**North West Region – Local area SEND Inspection 2026**

*"The improved quality assurance process is addressing gaps and weaknesses in EHC plans. Timeliness and quality of assessments have strengthened."*

**South West Region – Local area SEND Inspection 2026**



# HOW VITA AND QUALITY ASSURANCE WORK TOGETHER

**VITA and the quality assurance modules serve distinct but complementary purposes:**

- VITA reduces pressure and frees capacity by improving drafting efficiency and consistency
- EHCP quality assurance ensures quality expectations are being met when they are finalised
- Annual review quality assurance ensures ongoing review activity remains effective and meaningful

**Together, they support a SEND system that is:**

- More sustainable for the workforce
- More consistent for families
- Inspection ready
- Capable to deliver reform alongside statutory duties

# WHY INCLUDE THESE SOLUTIONS IN A LOCAL SEND REFORM PLAN

**Including VITA and quality assurance within a Local SEND Reform Plan helps local authorities to demonstrate that they have:**

- A credible approach to releasing capacity for Experts at Hand
- A clear strategy to maintain and improve statutory delivery during transition
- Defined mechanisms for quality assurance and improvement
- A sustainable evidence-led approach to system reform

**The focus is not working harder, but on working differently.**

# APPENDIX A:

## *Draft reform plan narratives and impact measures*

### **A1. Draft reform plan narrative**

Elements of this sample narrative can be used to help populate Section 2: Strategy of your Local SEND Reform Plan (local blueprint, and road map).

#### **VITA**

As part of our approach to delivering reform in a sustainable way, we will implement VITA, Invision360's AI - powered EHCP drafting tool. VITA supports SEND teams to produce high - quality first - draft plans more efficiently, reducing time spent on manual drafting and re - work.

By releasing capacity from core statutory processes, VITA enables SEND professionals and system partners to redirect time toward Experts at Hand delivery, early intervention and meaningful engagement with children, young people and families, without increasing workforce pressure.

This approach supports timely, consistent statutory delivery while creating the conditions needed to embed reform successfully.

#### **Quality assurance modules**

To support consistent quality and accountability across our SEND system, we will implement Invision360's quality assurance modules for Education, Health and Care Plans and Annual Reviews. These tools provide structured approaches to evaluating quality at key stages of the EHCP lifecycle and enable us to identify variation, target improvement and evidence progress over time.

Outputs from the quality assurance modules will support governance oversight, routine monitoring and inspection readiness, ensuring that improvements are sustained and embedded across education, health and care partners.

# APPENDIX A:

## *Draft reform plan narratives and impact measures*

### A2. Indicative impact measures

Invision360's VITA and quality assurance modules will support you to evidence and improve specific target metrics across your local area partnership and can be used as part of Section 2: Strategy of your Local SEND Reform Plan (local blueprint, and road map).

#### VITA

Theme	Example measures
Timeliness	% of EHCPs issued within statutory timescales
Workforce efficiency	Reduction in average EHCP drafting time
Capacity	Time reclaimed to be redirected to Experts at Hand or capital planning
Quality	% high quality EHCPs on issue
Family confidence	Complaints, mediation or tribunal measures

#### Quality assurance modules

Theme	Example measures
EHCP quality	% of EHCPs meeting agreed quality standards
Annual review effectiveness	% of reviews meeting agreed quality standards
EHCP compliance	% of EHCPs meeting agreed compliance standards
Consistency	Reduction in variation across teams/partners evidenced through moderation data and qualitative feedback
Co-production	Parent/carers and C/YP feedback
Governance	Routine quality reporting to SEND leadership