

Random Samples of Tweets from Vice Chair Jan 22 to 3rd May 22.



Chopsy Bristol @ChopsyBristol · 17 Jan

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Interesting late answer to a public forum question at last People Scrutiny Commission just in. So is Bristol exceeding both the National average and statistical neighbours for EHCNAs? I wonder what the data shows?

In 2019 Leeds had 953 initial requests, they completed 96.1% within 20 weeks.

When is BCC going to start to ensure EHCs are completed on time instead of blaming the number of applications? If other LAs can manage, why can't Bristol?

Answer

The situation in Bristol is challenging as our increase in applications for needs assessment exceeds both the national and statistical neighbour averages, unlike some local authorities we also have legacy cases that we need to complete in addition to the new requests coming into the team. There are also continual, difficult decisions to be taken as to where to allocate our limited resources. For example, do we improve the number of plans issued on time or ensure that we are working on cases where families have already been waiting for some time? In Bristol we have decided to address both issues. We have also submitted a request to increase finances to increase our capacity for statutory SEND work.

Whilst not reflected in our timeliness figures, the total number of EHC plans finalised has increased in September 2021 to the highest recorded so far this year in a month. To understand the scope of the Statutory SEND assessment team it is important to look at all the work undertaken by the team including plans in and out of time scales. Whilst we acknowledge we are still on a journey to improve our timeliness figures, Bristol has issued more EHCs in 2020 than any of our statistical neighbours.



Chopsy Bristol @ChopsyBristol · 20 Jan

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I'm a bit behind what's going on with Bristol Send on a political level at the moment. Won't be back on top of it until about mid February. As a family, we're too impacted by the Send crisis in Bristol to keep a step ahead. Rest assured, it's still a catastrophe



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Chopsy Bristol @ChopsyBristol · 23 Jan

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This 🗨️ I am incredibly selective about which professionals are allowed in my home these days. And anything from a Trouble Families background AKA Families in Focus is positively banned



Chopsy Bristol @ChopsyBristol · 24 Jan

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Just filled in a couple of surveys for the local parent carer forum. Has your child ever experienced discrimination in school? Rolled my sleeves up for that one. My response is the one with the word 'unhinged' in it.



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NB: the last Tweet refers to the surveys BPC launched – Chopsy is vice chair, but writes this as if not affiliated at all.



Chopsy Bristol @ChopsyBristol · 24 Jan

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I'll be looking in the over £500 spend in the future for the solicitor firm handling our EHCP Sendist tribunal for Bristol City Council. Wonder what area of spend they will be listed as. Or will they go under the random agency staff spend



Chopsy Bristol @ChopsyBristol · 7h

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I'd like to suggest that Bristol City Council's Send tribunal participation is a complete mess. If you're going to force parents to appeal, at least have the good grace to do it lawfully and efficiently.



Chopsy Bristol @ChopsyBristol · 7h

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I've got my answer about what the council is doing about unlawful exclusions in Bristol. Hope the Education Task and Finish Group has Cotham School on their to-do list, because they got caught with their hands in the cookie jar: P 25 for screen readers:
democracy.bristol.gov.uk/documents/b299...



Chopsy Bristol @ChopsyBristol · 2h

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A nice tidy Annual Review this afternoon, with a lovely school, the best caseworker and no assbattery. I wish every Send thing in my life was this easy.



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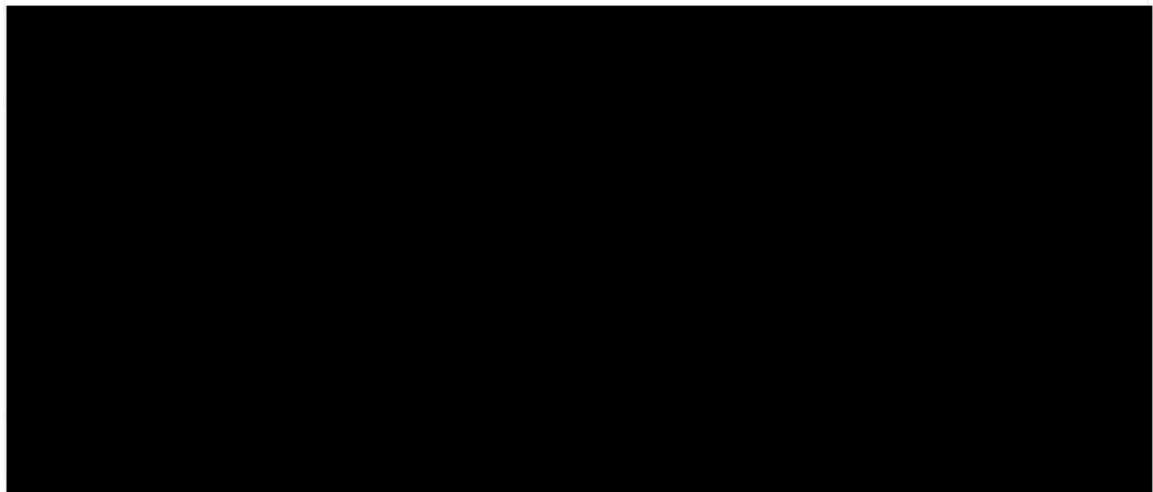


Replying to [REDACTED]

Bristol City Council spends a hearty sum on consultants

1:11 pm · 6 Mar 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

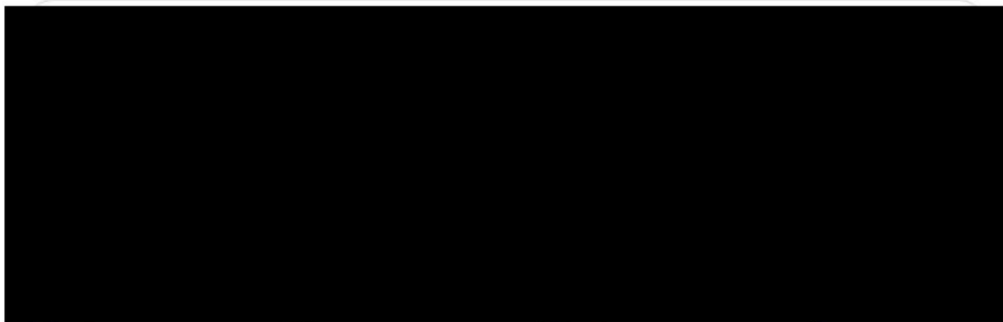
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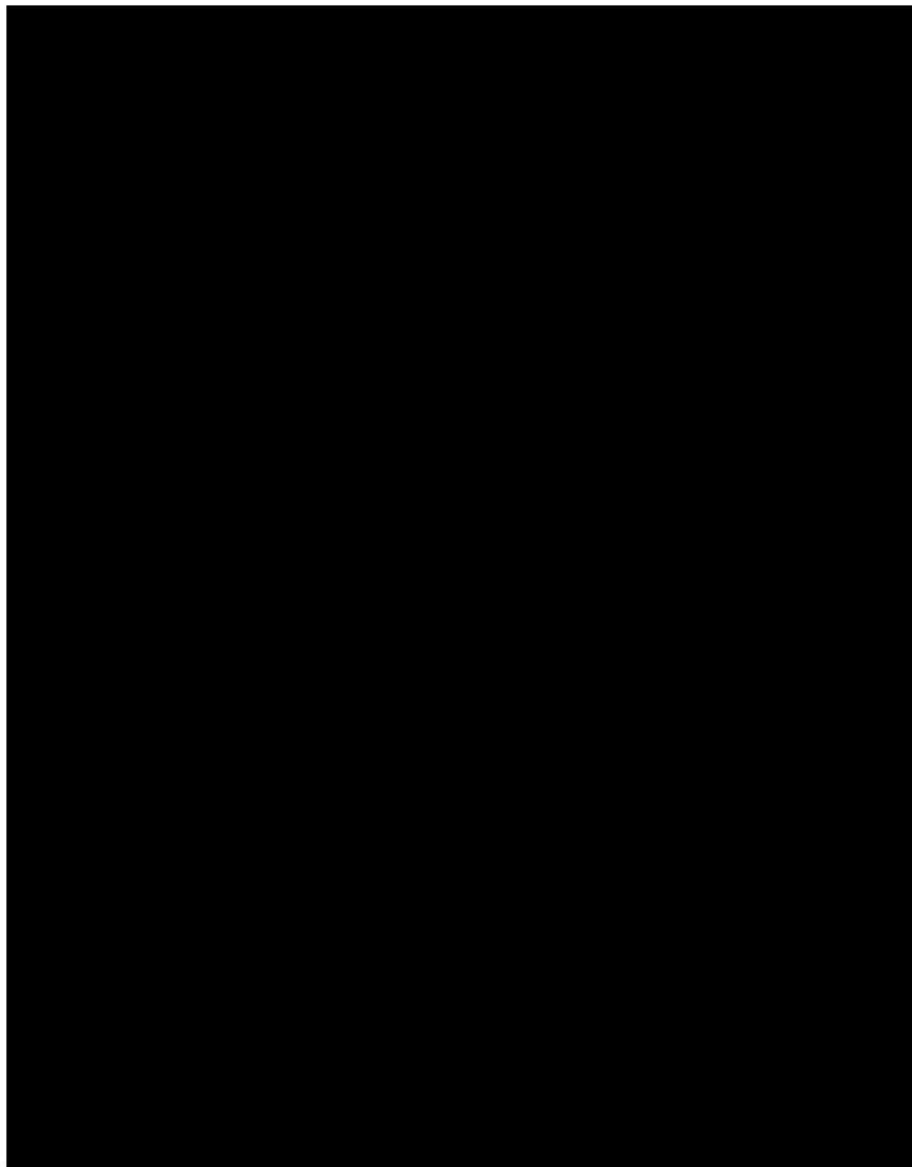


Chopsy Bristol @ChopsyBristol · 3 Apr
Why is a really good question.





Above: 07/04/22 copied at 18:15 immediately after Jen, Hayley and Claire had met with Heather Tarbuck



Chopsy Bristol @ChopsyBristol · 19h

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Replying to [REDACTED]

The condescending claptrap that came out of one of the former Cabinet education lead's mouth about having to close St George and then this? No wonder no one trusts education in Bristol. It's an underhanded long game that never benefits the children



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29/04/2022



Chopsy Bristol @ChopsyBristol · 5h

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I think we should put Bristol on the World Stage. find out what the rest of the world thinks about education here. Not enough schools, not enough places, kids off rolled, kids out of education because they're disabled. Let's put that on the world stage and get some feedback

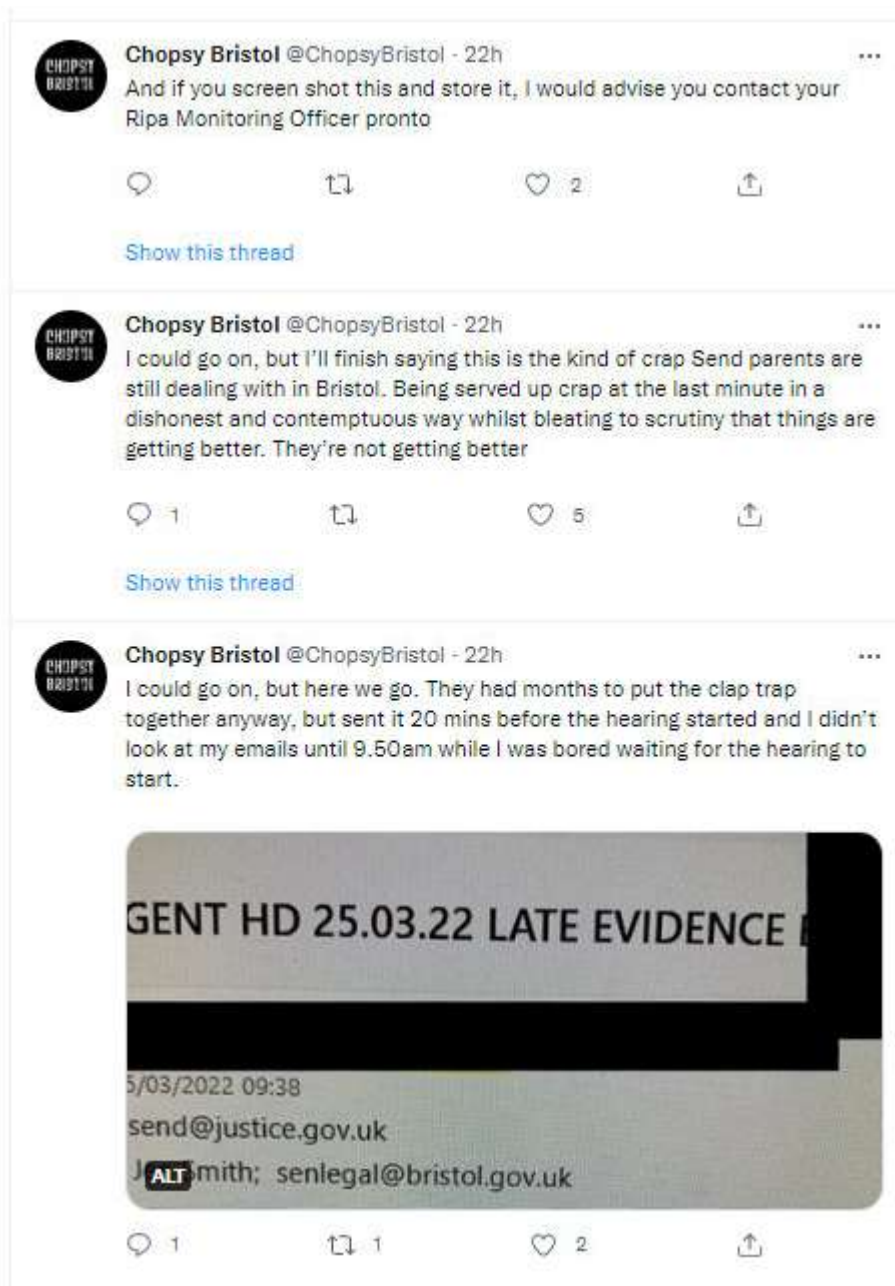
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03/0522 – a veiled threat below?





Chopsy Bristol @ChopsyBristol · 22h

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This was a stunning lie in tribunal telling the panel all about how Wecil had said they could provide a volunteer to take my child to any activity and it was all go. Wecil told me they didn't offer what the council said they did and didn't think they could manage my child's needs



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