

# Joint Targeted Area Inspection

## Information Sheet

### What is the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI)?

The Joint Targeted Area Inspection is a new inspection framework for evaluating the services for vulnerable children and young people.

It is conducted jointly by the following inspectorates: Ofsted, Care Quality Commission (CQC), Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP).

All four inspectorates will jointly assess how local authorities, the police, health, probation and youth offending services are working together in an area to identify, support and protect vulnerable children and young people.

Inspectors will evaluate children's experiences against the full range of the criteria, looking for strengths, areas for development and examples of innovative and effective practice.

### Who will come to visit us?

The inspection team will usually comprise of three inspectors from each of Ofsted, HMIC and the CQC, and two from HMI Probation. An Ofsted social care HMI will lead the inspection.

### What does it involve?

There will be a notification period for the local partnership of nine working days before the inspectors come on site.

During those nine days the following information will need to be supplied before the inspectors arrive on day nine: child-level data; a list of children for the deep dive theme; case file documents and other information to support the inspection including a joint report by the local partnership on the evaluation of children's experiences. The inspection fieldwork will be contained within one week (Monday to Friday) in week three.

JTAIs are the inspection of multi-agency arrangements for:

- The 'front door' (the MASH and SPOE) and its effectiveness of practice and arrangements for identifying and managing the range of risks of harm to children and young people.
- The response to all forms of child abuse, neglect and exploitation at the point of identification.
- The quality and impact of assessment, planning and decision making in response to notifications and referrals.
- Protecting children and young people at risk of a specific type (or types) of harm, or the support and care of children looked after and/or care leavers (evaluated through a deep dive investigation into the experiences of these children). Until the end of September 2016 the deep dive investigation will be on **Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing from home, care and education.**
- The leadership and management of this work.
- The effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) in relation to this work.

The letter of findings will be sent to the local partnership in week nine.

The inspection will use the following information to evaluate children's experiences:

1. Case Sampling and tracking
2. Observation of practice and interviews
3. Information from individual agencies

### **1. Case Sampling and tracking**

Inspectors will use sampling to evaluate the response to all forms of child abuse, neglect and exploitation at the point of identification, notification and referral (the 'front door') and to triangulate evidence across the inspection, including that for the deep dive theme; they will undertake both multi-agency and single-agency sampling.

### **2. Observation of practice and interviews**

Inspectors will gather evidence by observing a range of meetings (e.g. a family group conference; the work of independent reviewing officer; and the work of child protection conference chairs), and triangulate evidence by meeting with children, parents and carers and talking to practitioners and/or managers (in person or by phone), including:

- \* The Local Authority (LA) Chief Executive
- \* Lead member for children's services
- \* CSE Members Task Group
- \* Police superintendent responsible for child protection and safeguarding
- \* Supervisor of the investigative/multi-agency team relating to the deep dive theme
- \* MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) /CRU (Criminal referral Unit) police lead
- \* MAPPA (Multi-agency public protection arrangements) chair
- \* Senior representative(s) of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG(s))
- \* Safeguarding leads for the Community Rehabilitation Company and the National Probation Service
- \* Director of Children's Services (DCS)
- \* Head of social care
- \* Chair and Business Manager of the LSCB
- \* Youth Offending Team manager

### **3. Information from individual agencies**

Inspectors will request information from: the Local authority, LSCB, the police force, the national probation service and community rehabilitation company/ companies, the youth offending team and health partners in order to understand the work of the different agencies.

### **What will happen once the inspection is finished?**

At the end of week three the Inspectors will meet with senior leaders of the local partnership for a feedback meeting and share their key findings. By the end of week 9 the inspectors findings will be written up in a letter addressed to the senior leaders in the local partnership.

The findings will be in the form of a narrative rather than graded judgements and will include strengths and areas for development and any areas of priority action.

### **When will the inspection happen?**

The JTAI can take place at anytime there are no advance notification dates.

### **Where can I find out more about the inspection?**

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Look out for further communication, events and online information about the JTAI and other inspections.