

Two Minute Guide

What You Need to Know

This is an inspection of the local area arrangements (Not individual agencies) and how leaders, managers and professionals work together to identify and respond to serious youth violence including exploitation. The scope for this JTAI will be children ten years old and older. The agencies within scope of this inspection are the Police, Children's Social Care, Education, Youth Justice Service, relevant Health services (i.e., Maternity services, emergency and urgent care, ambulance trust, public health nursing and emotional well-being and mental health services, sexual health services), Community Safety Partnership, Violence Reduction Partnership, and relevant commissioned services.

Inspectors will evaluate:

- If agencies work effectively together, including sharing and analysing information, understanding risk and the implications of serious youth violence within the local community, and using this information to inform decision making to reduce risk and evaluate impact of interventions.
- If children and families get the help and support, they need.
- If the safeguarding needs of all children are addressed through strengths-based practice, which builds trusting relationships; is based on a good understanding of children's experiences, including barriers to accessing help and support, and is recorded through dynamic assessments and plans.
- Partners understand the experiences that can contribute to children being violent and avoid the unnecessary criminalisation of children.
- If leaders understand the causes and consequences of serious youth violence and target resources on prevention and early intervention, using evidence-based approaches.
- The effectiveness of the WSCP in monitoring and evaluating the work of statutory partners.
- If professionals and support staff have appropriate workforce skills, knowledge, and capacity to support children and families effectively and that these professionals and support staff are supported.

Children's experiences will be evaluated against 21 criteria which describe what a "Good" service looks like, looking for strengths, areas for improvement and areas for priority action. The findings report for the local area will be narrative based not judgement based, i.e., "Requires Improvement," "Good" etc.

The Inspection Team Will Comprise Of:

- Ofsted - three social care inspectors – one will be the lead inspector.
- Ofsted - one school's inspector
- Care Quality Commission (CQC) – three inspectors
- His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) – three inspectors
- His Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) – two inspectors

Inspection Activity:

Inspectors will focus on recent practice (Within the last six months), focusing on children's experiences and progress and will prioritise gathering evidence about direct practice.

Activity will consist of:

- In depth case tracking of a child's experiences, including how well practitioners have understood and taken account of their views in assessment planning and intervention.
- Observing the work of practitioners.
- Case sampling to focus on a particular aspect of children's experiences.
- Tracking interventions by reviewing documentation and meetings / discussions with agencies
- Meetings with the Community Safety Partnerships and other partnership boards
- Undertake observations of multi-agency meetings, e.g., Strategy Meetings, Review Meetings or Panels
- Review documents, performance, and management information
- Evaluate the quality and impact of audits undertaken locally.
- Discussions with practitioners, managers, leaders, and stakeholders.
- Speak with children, young people, and families.
- Decision making about how multi-agency help is provided and meetings with representatives of our multi-agency safeguarding arrangements (WSCP).

Please note the helpful guidance at the end of this document for practitioners who may have contact with Inspectors.

Inspection Timeline

- **Week 1- Inspectors Off Site – Notice Period and Off-Site Activity**
 - Notification usually on a Monday, 10 working days before the fieldwork begins.
 - Annex A (Lists 3,4,5,6,7 and 8) information and management information is provided.
 - The Local Area selects an additional 30 children whose experiences are relevant to the theme and from these and the Annex A lists, the lead inspector selects 20 children against whom additional information is required.
 - Ofsted select five to seven children’s cases for local partners to audit on a single and multi-agency basis.
 - Multi-agency meeting takes place for partners to explain serious youth violence strategic arrangements.
- **Week 2 – Inspectors Off Site – Preparatory Work**
 - The local authority and partner agencies complete their single agency audits of the five to seven cases selected, submit key documents for each case and share their findings with the respective inspectorates. In addition, a multi-agency evaluation takes place and is shared with the Inspectors.
 - Preparatory work for the on-site timetable begins.
 - Additional performance and management information is provided to Inspectors by the Local Authority, the Police and relevant Health services.
 - Inspectors may meet virtually with local leaders, staff, and any stakeholders relevant to the scope of this inspection.
 - Inspectors may talk with representatives of the Multi-agency Safeguarding Arrangements (WSCP), Community Safety Partnership and Violence Reduction Partnership.
- **Week 3 – Inspectors On-Site, Monday to Friday – Feedback Meeting on Friday**
 - Fieldwork takes place Monday to Friday and inspection activity listed above is undertaken.
 - Inspection findings fed back to the local partnership on Friday.
- **Weeks 4 and 5 – Inspectors Off Site – Findings Letter**
 - Ofsted draft the findings letter for the local partnership.
- **Week 6 – Receipt of Draft Findings Letter**
 - Draft findings report sent to the local partnership on Friday of week 6 (15 working days after fieldwork).
- **Weeks 7 and 8 – Local Agencies Comments**
 - Director of Children’s Services has 9 working days to co-ordinate comments from the partner agencies as part of a factual accuracy check of the report. Comments are returned to inspectors by Thursday of week 8.
- **Week 10 – Report Publication**
 - Final findings report is sent to local partners on Monday of week 10 and this is an embargoed version until Thursday of this week when the report is published and available to the public.

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