



JTAI – Multi-Agency Inspection Briefing for Partners

What are JTAIs?

A Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) is an inspection framework for evaluating the services of vulnerable children & young people. It is conducted jointly by Ofsted, Care Quality Commission (CQC), Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP). Each JTAI includes a specific 'deep dive' safeguarding theme.

JTAIs are carried out under section 20 of the Children Act 2004. They are an inspection of multi-agency arrangements for:

- 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)
- the leadership and management of this work
- the effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements in relation to this work.

What happens during the inspection?

A JTAI can take place at any time - there are no advance notification dates; there will be a notification period for the local partnership of nine working days before the inspectors come on site (for the final week) – this time is used for offsite-analysis and for agencies to provide data, audit information and key documentation & evidence.

The inspections look at how well local agencies work together in an area to protect children. The inspection will triangulate evidence from tracking and sampling children's experiences, views from children and their families, observing practice, talking to practitioners, and gathering information from individual agencies.

What information is considered?

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

- a. Case Sampling and tracking
- b. Observation of practice and interviews
- c. Information from individual agencies
- d. Multi-Agency Audits on a specific theme

Inspectors will triangulate evidence by meeting with children, parents and carers and talking to practitioners and/or managers (in person or by phone)

Feedback and Report

At the end of the on-site inspection, the inspectors will meet with the senior leaders of the local safeguarding partnership to share key findings. 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.

Where do I find further information?

[Joint inspections of arrangements and services for children in need of help and protection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-inspections-of-arrangements-and-services-for-children-in-need-of-help-and-protection)

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