

# Joint Targeted Area Inspections (JTAs)

## 7 Point Briefing

### 1. What is a JTAI?

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

### 2. What Happens During the inspection?

JTAs are carried out under section 20 of the Children's Act 2004. The inspections look at how well local agencies work together in an area to protect children. The inspection will take place over 3 weeks; the Inspectorate will be onsite for the third week during the inspection schedule.

### 4. How are we preparing for a inspection?

A JTAI can take place at any time and there are no advanced warnings. Multi-agency working groups are meeting regularly collating evidence of the work that is being carried. The evaluation criteria is being used as the basis for a mini SEF, dry runs of the Annex A data are scheduled and multi agency dip samples of audits are taking place.

### 3. What Methodology is Used?

The inspection will triangulate evidence by selecting individual cases, tracking and sampling children's experiences, seeking views from children and their families, observing practice, talking to practitioners and gathering information from individual agencies. The inspection focuses upon recent practice. This is practice within the last 6 months. Relevant history of children's information is also taken into account

### 5. What you need to do?

The notification of an inspection will be made on a Monday morning. This is when they begin to gather their information and so it is important that we supply accurate and up to date information in a timely way. Each inspectorate requests information from the relevant agencies to support the inspection. Access will be required to records and make staff available for meeting with the inspectors.

### 6. How do we find out about the outcome?

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. Graded judgements are not used and findings will include strengths and areas for development and any areas of priority action. A letter is published with the findings 34 working days after fieldwork.

### 7. Where Can I Find Further Information?

[Joint targeted area inspections of the response to child sexual abuse in the family environment - GOV.UK](#)

[Joint targeted area inspection of the multi-agency response to the criminal exploitation of children - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Joint targeted area inspection of the multi-agency response to identification of initial need and risk - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Joint targeted area inspection of the multi-agency response to children and families who need help - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Joint targeted area inspections of the multi-agency response to serious youth violence - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)