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## What is a JTAI

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. For example, previous themes have included Neglect, Domestic Abuse & Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

The JTAI can take place at any time (there is no advance schedule of dates issued).

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## What Inspectors do

The 4 inspectorates will jointly assess how agencies are working together to identify and support and protect vulnerable children & young people in their area. The on-site inspection will take 5 working days (following a notice period of 9 working days).

## How they do it

The JTAI will evaluate multi-agency arrangements for:

- 'Front door' services for child protection focussing on the identified 'deep dive' theme
- The response to all type of abuse 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 specific types of harm, or the care of children looked after and/or care leavers
  - The leadership and management of this work
  - The effectiveness of the NSSP in relation to this work

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## Findings

At the end of the on-site inspection, the inspectors will meet with the senior leaders of the local 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.

It is then the responsibility of all senior leaders to disseminate the key findings to the workforce for understanding and action.

## Are you inspection ready?

- ◆ Ensure your records are up-to-date
- ◆ Demonstrate children's needs are understood & supported appropriately
- ◆ Demonstrate the lived experience of the child in relation to category of concern and how this is being met
- ◆ Information sharing, working in partnership and how systems effectively communicate
- ◆ Be able to demonstrate effective and innovative practice



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## What is required

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

- Case sampling and tracking
- Observation of practice and interviews
- Information from individual agencies

Inspectors will observe meetings, look at records, gather information and may also speak with professionals (by telephone or in person) from the Voluntary & Community Sector, Designated Safeguarding Leads and/or Headteachers. Information will be requested from partners in order for the Inspectors to understand the work of different agencies.

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