



One Minute Guide: Joint Targeted Area Inspection

1. Background – What is a Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI)?

- Joint Targeted Area Inspections are an inspection of multi-agency arrangements for evaluating the services for vulnerable children and young people on a particular theme.
- It is conducted jointly between Ofsted, Care Quality Commission (CQC), His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service (HMIC&FRS) and His Majesty's Inspectorate Probation (HMIP).
- Each JTAI has a specific focus on a theme. New themes are announced every six months. Previous 'deep dive' themes have been around:
 - [Multi-Agency children who are victims of domestic abuse](#)
 - [Multi-agency response to the criminal exploitation of children](#)
 - [Multi-agency response to children and families who need help.](#)
 - [Multi-Agency response to serious youth violence](#)

2. Who carries out the JTAI Inspection?

Joint Targeted Area Inspections are carried out by the following inspectorates:

- Ofsted
- Care Quality Commission (CQC)
- His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC)

All inspectorates jointly assess how well the local authority, police, health, probation and youth offending services work together to identify, support and protect vulnerable children.

Depending on the theme of the inspection His Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) may also be involved.

3. When will the JTAI Inspection take place?

- **There is no advance notice of an inspection – it can take place at any time.**
- There will be a notification period for the local partnership of **nine** working days before the inspectors come on site.

4. What information will the inspectors use?

- During the 10 working days before the inspectors are on site, the inspectors will be provided with:
 - child-level data
 - a list of children relevant for the deep dive theme
 - case file documents
 - a multi-agency audit
 - other information to support the inspection.
- The inspection will triangulate evidence from:
 - case sampling and tracking
 - children and families' experiences and views
 - observing practice
 - talking to front-line practitioners and their managers
 - gathering information from across the agencies.

5. How has the City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership prepared for the inspection?

- City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership (CYSCP) initially formed a multi-agency JTAI Inspection Preparation group who led on the coordination of our preparation. This was used as an opportunity to better understand how well we are working together.

- Named representatives from the three statutory partners, Independent Care Board (ICB) [Health], Police, and City of York Council represent and lead on all aspects of the preparation and Inspection work on behalf of each individual agencies.
- Practice audits have been completed each time the new Joint Targeted Area Inspection theme is announced (six monthly).
- Documentary evidence is collected and quality assured and saved in a multi-agency shared filing system on OneDrive ready for submission once we are notified of the inspection. When the JTAI inspection is announced, each partner is responsible for uploading their documentary evidence to the relevant inspectorate portal **in addition to uploading them to OneDrive.**
- A benchmarking spreadsheet template is produced based on the evaluation criteria within the new inspection framework and sent to relevant partners for completion.
- A City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership Joint Targeted Area Inspection Practice Guidance has been produced.
- Briefing sessions for multi-agency professionals will take place.

6. How do I find out about the outcome?

- At the end of the inspection (Week 3), the Inspection team will meet with the senior leaders of the Safeguarding Children Partnership to share their key findings verbally.
- 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.

7. Where can I find further information?

The City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership Practice Guidance is available on the Partnership Website

<https://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/learning-development/learning-development-1>

The Framework for each theme is published on the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/joint-inspections-of-local-area-services>

Further information regarding multi-agency working is detailed within the statutory guidance [‘Working Together 2023’](#)

Further information about City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership is available on the [website](#), within the [City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership Safeguarding Arrangements](#) procedure.

Where do I go for further information?

Please visit the [City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership website](#) for up to date information and latest news.

Please also sign up to the [Partnership Newsletter](#)

