

## CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING BRIEFING No.1 AUGUST 2018

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### JOINT TARGETED AREA INSPECTIONS (JTAI) SUMMARY BRIEFING

In July 2018 guidance about to the next round of Joint Targeted Area Inspections (JTAI) was published. This cycle of JTAI will be concerned with the themes of:

- child sexual exploitation,
- children associated with gangs and at risk of exploitation (including county lines)
- children missing from home, care or education.

The next round of inspections will start in **September 2018**.

#### Target Area Scope

- the response to all forms of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation from 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 the multi-agency safeguarding partner arrangements

#### Inspectors will look at responses /risk to missing children, particularly:

- Do children and families receive support
- Do all agencies track those missing from education and work together
- Quality of return home interviews and how this information is used for improvement.
- Agencies' assessment of risks of exploitation and the quality of work.

### **Partners will need to show:**

- What work is being done with children who are victims/perpetrators of exploitation
- How well agencies combat and disrupt sexual and other forms of exploitation
- What support and help is available
- How are children and families listened to and does this influence practice and working together

**Schools:** schools need to have effective systems in place to identify children in these key areas of risk, including:

- Effective work/monitoring of children missing from education.
- Timely referrals to early help or children's social care.
- Schools contribution to the multi-agency response.

### **Working together is paramount. Inspections will challenge:**

- How well the workforce meets its responsibilities to those children. This will include social workers, family support and social work assistants; police officers and other police staff; health professionals and support staff; National Probation Service, community rehabilitation services and youth offending team.
- Do leaders and managers understand the experiences of children at risk of exploitation. Is that knowledge used to promote continuous improvement.
- Do local safeguarding partners monitor, promote, and coordinate and evaluate the work.
- Has there been any awareness raising and preventative work with the community, businesses, parents, and children
- Does the police force engage in preventative work.
- Do the police map patterns and profile the overview of cases, and the quality of the response from local services.

### **How the Inspections will be run**

The local authority and partners will provide information within submission deadlines.

**By the end of the day that the area is notified of the inspection** (Tuesday of week one), the Director of Children's Services (DCS) should provide a list of those children identified as child in need (CIN) and children who are the subject of a child protection plan, both living in the local authority area or living outside the area where the local authority is responsible. The lead inspector will use this list to select the children to be tracked.

The local authority should also provide further lists of child-level data. These lists are of all children in each category known to the local authority, not just those at risk of sexual exploitation or criminal exploitation by gangs and those missing

**By 3pm on day one (Wednesday)** the local authority with partner agencies should also provide:

- 10 cases that the local authority identify where child sexual exploitation or criminal exploitation by gangs is a current and significant factor, and there is multi-agency involvement.
- 10 cases in the above category where agencies believe there has been positive intervention to engage with the child and their family to improve outcomes for the child.
- 10 cases where Youth Offending Teams and 6 cases where the National Probation Services or the Community Rehabilitation Company are involved.

**By 5.30pm on day one (Wednesday)**, the lead inspector will select 20 children from all the lists and for additional information on them by **4pm of day two (Thursday)**.

**By mid-day on day three (Friday)**, the lead inspector will select between five and eight cases for inspectors to track.

**By the end of day two (Thursday)** the local authority should provide the lead inspector with details of multi-agency meetings taking place during the fieldwork week, including:

- Initial and review child protection conferences
- looked after children's reviews
- strategy discussions
- any other planning or review meeting relating to children at risk of sexual exploitation, criminal exploitation by gangs or children who have been missing.

## Key Case File Documents and Joint-Evaluations

The CQC will request documents about the children whose experiences inspectors will track. The CQC will make this request on the **Friday of week two**.

**By the end of day five (Tuesday week two)** the local agencies should provide electronic copies of the key case-file documents for each of the children being evaluated

The local agencies should provide their joint evaluations, and where possible individual agency evaluations of children's experiences electronically **by the end of day seven (Thursday of week two)**.

**By the end of day five** (Tuesday, week two) all local agencies should provide information to help inspectors understand the work of agencies within the area. This will include:

- organisational structures
- internal practice audits
- details of commissioned services and management information reports (amongst other elements).

For the full range of scope and evaluation criteria click [here](#).

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