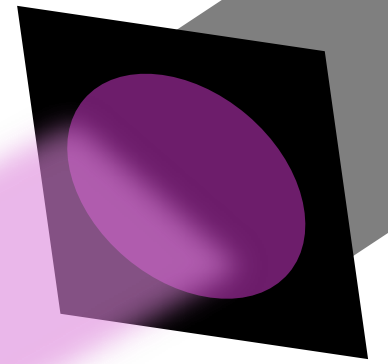


North Lincolnshire
**CHILDREN'S
MULTI-AGENCY
RESILIENCE &
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BOARD**



In the Spotlight...

**Joint Targeted Area
Inspections**

In this Spotlight...

The Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) is a multi inspectorate inspection completed by Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) within a local authority area. Currently the two new frameworks for the JTAI inspection are:

- Joint targeted area inspection of the multi agency response to the criminal exploitation of children
- Joint targeted area inspection of the multi agency response to identification of initial risk and need

The JTAI of the multi agency response to criminal exploitation of children will run for a period of 6 months. On conclusion of this theme, a new theme will be identified. A thematic report will be produced in relation to findings from all inspections completed under this theme.

The JTAI of the multi agency response to identification of initial risk and need will continue to run indefinitely.

In this edition of the Spotlight you can, find information about...

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Key messages

The JTAI is a three week inspection period which will triangulate findings across partner agencies in a local authority area in relation to a theme.

Inspectors will want to meet with staff and practitioners about the children they are responsible for, the learning and development of professionals and the support and supervision they receive. They will also meet with service leaders, and representatives from the Children's MARS Board, the independent scrutineer and subgroups.

Agencies will submit case level data alongside a document bank to inspectors as part of inspection activity.

Inspections will focus on recent practice within the previous 6 months. The inspection will evaluate how well current practice takes account of relevant history in children's cases.

JTAI of the multi agency response to the criminal exploitation of children

This JTAI is a thematic inspection which will be live for six months from April 2022 and will comprise of inspectors from:

- Ofsted (3 inspectors including the lead inspector and 1 schools inspector)
- CQC (2 inspectors)
- HMICFRS (2 inspectors)

The agencies within the scope of this inspection are the police, children's social care, education and relevant health services.

The main focus of this JTAI is the multi-agency arrangements in relation to criminal exploitation, but inspectors will also look at whether local agencies have a distinct and effective focus on identifying children at risk of or experiencing sexual exploitation. If a child is at risk of or experiencing both criminal and sexual exploitation, the holistic multi-agency response will be evaluated.

Inspectors will evaluate the multi-agency arrangements for:

- responding to all forms of child criminal exploitation at the point of identification
- assessment, planning and decision-making in response to notifications and referrals of children at risk of criminal exploitation, or who have been criminally exploited
- protecting, supporting and caring for children who are at risk or have been harmed by criminal exploitation, including the support and care of children looked after and/or care leavers
- preventing child criminal exploitation, including through awareness-raising and use of disruption activity (disruption involves strategies and tactics designed by the police and other safeguarding partners to reduce risks to vulnerable children and interrupt the activity of those who are seeking to exploit them)
- identifying children at risk of sexual exploitation and the multi-agency response

Inspectors will also evaluate how effectively the Children's MARS Arrangements, monitors, promotes, coordinates and evaluates the work of the statutory partners.

The inspection will evaluate how well current practice takes account of relevant history in children's cases.

The evaluation criteria and more information on the inspection can be found [here](#).

JTAI of the multi agency response to the identification of initial risk and need

This JTAI is an ongoing inspection and will comprise of inspectors from:

- Ofsted (3 inspectors including the lead inspector and 1 schools inspector)
- CQC (2 inspectors)
- HMICFRS (2 inspectors)

The agencies within the scope of this inspection are the police, children's social care, education and relevant health services.

The new joint inspections of the 'front door' of child protection will give a strong understanding of how multi-agency safeguarding arrangements allow local leaders and professionals to work together to identify and respond to children at risk of harm.

Inspectors will evaluate:

- how effectively the front doors of individual agencies identify and respond to initial need and risk
- the effectiveness of the Integrated Multi-Agency Partnership
- how effectively each agency contributes to the multi-agency response, including early decision-making across early help, child in need and child protection
- how effectively the Children's MARS Arrangements monitors, promotes, coordinates and evaluates the work of the statutory partners
- the impact of leaders and managers on practice with children and families in relation to the front door
- the timeliness of this work and the impact of the local area's actions to improve the multi-agency response to children in need of help and protection

The scope does not include longer-term interventions with children and families.

The inspection will focus on recent practice within the last 6 months. The inspection will evaluate how well current practice takes account of relevant history in children's cases.

The evaluation criteria and more information on the inspection can be found [here](#)

Week 1

- Notification is received
- Agencies submit child level data to the inspectorates
- The inspectorates select 5-7 cases for multi agency audit
- Timetable for fieldwork is created

Week 2

- Document bank submitted containing key strategic and practice focused work
- Multi agency case audits submitted
- Off site meetings with local agencies take place

Week 3

Inspectors will be onsite and prioritise gathering evidence about direct practice with children and families. They will gather evidence by:

- evaluating the experiences of children through case tracking, case sampling and observations of practice
- interviewing practitioners, managers, leaders and stakeholders
- evaluating the quality and impact of local multi-agency audits
- meeting with representatives of the Children's MARS Board and relevant sub-groups
- reviewing documents about the local partnership's work that are relevant to the scope of the inspection

Inspectors will speak to practitioners and/or managers about the children that they are responsible for, the learning and development of professionals, and the support and supervision they receive. They will ask them about their view of any strengths and areas for development relevant to the scope of the inspection.

Overview of the inspections

Letter of Findings

The lead inspector will write up the inspection findings, drawing on the inspection team's expertise as required. They will set out the findings in a letter addressed to the senior leaders in the local partnership and the independent scrutineer for the Children's MARS Board.

The letter will set out any strengths, areas for improvement and areas for priority action. It will state the services, practice or arrangements that the findings relate to but will not state what action the local partnership should take in response to the findings.

Agencies involved have a lead JTAI contact

General Communications

The Children's MARS Board produces quarterly news updates which provide information on the work of the Board and includes updates on local and national guidance. We also promote new education and training opportunities, resources for professionals and volunteers, support for children and families and information relating to events and conferences through our communications email list.

If you wish to subscribe for Children's MARS communications emails, please complete the [communications sign up form](#).

A collection of our previous news updates can also be found on the [communications page](#).

The Children's MARS Board regularly post updates via the partnership social media pages Safe North Lincs. Support and advice for children and families can be found on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

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