



Safer Seven

Your 7 minute safeguarding bulletin



1. Joint Targeted Area inspection

A Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) is an inspection framework for evaluating the services of vulnerable children and 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)

2. What happens during the inspection?

Each JTAI includes a specific 'deep dive' safeguarding theme

The inspection looks at how well agencies work together in an area to protect children.

The inspection takes place over a number of weeks; the Inspectorate will be onsite for a third week during the inspection schedule.

3. What Methodology is used?

The inspections look at how well local agencies work together in an area to protect children.

The inspection will triangulate evidence from tracking and sampling children's experiences, views from children and their families, observing practice, talking to practitioners, and gathering information from individual agencies.

4. How are we preparing?

Dudley Safeguarding will lead on the coordination with oversight from the Independent Chair for the JTAI in preparation that Dudley are selected.

Named representatives from the Police, CCG, and Dudley Council will represent and lead on all aspects of the preparation and inspection work on behalf of their individual organisations.

5. What do you need to do?

The inspections are thematic, a local authority will not know what theme will be looked at until nearer the time of the inspection.

Dudley have produced a toolkit which enables the collation of relevant information required by the inspectorate. As part of the preparations your organisation may be asked to contribute to this work.

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 safeguarding 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.

7. How can I find out more?

You can access further information at www.gov.uk :

- [Joint inspections of arrangements and services for children in need of help and protection](#)