



JOINT INSPECTION OF **ADULT SUPPORT** AND **PROTECTION**

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Joint Inspection of your Adult Support and Protection Partnership, Phase 2

Background

In line with the Scottish Government led improvement plan, further scrutiny and assurance of adult support and protection will be undertaken across Scotland. Phase 2 follows from the phase 1 programme of joint inspection of adult support and protection. We published the [Joint inspection of adult support and protection overview report August 2023](#)



Summary of phase 2

Scrutiny partners

The phase 2 inspection programme will be led by Care Inspectorate in collaboration with His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary Scotland (HMICS) and Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS). Each scrutiny agency has identified dedicated staff with appropriate levels of experience and expertise in adult support and protection. This scrutiny and assurance will be undertaken in the context of health and social care integration.

Purpose of activity

The purpose of this joint inspection is to seek assurance that adults at risk of harm in Scotland are supported and protected by existing national and local adult support and protection arrangements. The inspection programme is one element of an overall Scottish Government improvement plan.

Activity

Our inspection will now include five activities:

- A staff survey relevant to health, Police Scotland, provider organisations, social work and social care staff.

- The review of a short position statement and supporting documentation (15–20 documents)
- The reading of records (health, police and social work records) of a sample of adults considered at risk of harm who did not require any further adult support and protection intervention beyond the initial referral stage.
- The reading of the records (health, police and social work records) of a sample of adults at risk of harm who have been subject of adult support and protection procedures.
- The engagement of frontline staff, operational managers with responsibility for adult support and protection, and senior managers in focus groups, to discuss the partnership's adult support and protection practice.