



# **Joint inspections of services for children and young people subject to compulsory supervision orders living at home with their parents**

## **Briefing for partnerships**

## **Partnership discussions**

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## Overview of partnership discussions

The purpose of this briefing document is to provide clarity for partnerships about the purpose of partnership discussions (PDs) during the inspection.

**What are partnership discussions?** Partnership discussions are meetings between the inspection team and key leaders within the partnership that occur during the inspection process.

**What is the purpose of partnership discussions?** The purpose of these discussions are to provide formal opportunities for members of the inspection team and key partnership leaders to communicate throughout the inspection. The table below outlines the purpose of each discussion in more detail.

**When and where do partnership discussions occur?** In this methodology, we have three partnership meetings. The first is in week 5 of the inspection, the second is in week 11 and the final one is in week 15. The meetings will usually occur in person in the partnership area. An element of flexibility will be retained to allow for the geographical and diverse nature of partnerships.

**Who attends partnership discussions?** Partnership discussions are attended by key members of the inspection team and senior leaders of children's services from the partnership. See appendix 1 which outlines each of the partnership discussions in more detail.

## Information for attendees of partnership discussions

All attendees should be aware that inspections are based on the three following key lines of enquiry and all the stages of the inspection are designed that we are able to reach conclusions about the partnership's delivery of services in relation to these.

**Key line of enquiry 1:** Children and young people are well supported to live with their families. This support helps to keep them safe, overcome difficulties and makes a positive difference in their lives.

**Key line of enquiry 2:** The services children and young people receive are well planned and delivered in a way which is compassionate and by staff who put children and young people at the heart of decision-making. People in the workforce ensure that children, young people, and parents are meaningfully listened to, heard, and included.

**Key line of enquiry 3:** Leaders and managers work well together to create and maintain a joined-up system of care which delivers the right services to each child at the right time. This provides children and young people, their parents and the workforce with help, support, and accountability.

We will evaluate the following quality indicators:

- Quality indicator 2.1: Impact on children and young people
- Quality indicator 5.3: Care planning, managing risk and effective intervention
- Quality indicator 5.4: Involving individual children, young people and families
- Quality indicator 9.2: Leadership of strategy and direction

**More information about our inspections is available [here](#).**

**Our quality framework forms the basis of our inspections and is available [here](#).**

## Appendix 1: Detailed information about each professional discussion during the inspection

Partnership discussion 1	
<b>Practical arrangements</b>	Occurs in week 5 Lasts up to 90 minutes Usually in-person
<b>Inspection team attendees</b>	Inspection lead Depute inspection lead Strategic support officer Scrutiny partners
<b>Partnership attendees</b>	Chief officers and senior officers with lead responsibility for corporate parenting Chair of the champion's board (or equivalent). Chair(s) of the strategic group(s) leading on children's service planning Partnership inspection coordinator Partnership inspection participation lead
<p>This discussion follows the submission of documents for analysis (week 4). It will provide the partnership with the opportunity to illustrate the context of their work with children and young people subject to compulsory supervision orders living at home with their parents or taking to address them. This could be by way of a presentation which represents the partnership and there will be up to 45 minutes available for this.</p> <p>The inspection team will outline the stages of the inspection.</p>	

Partnership discussion 2	
<b>Practical arrangements</b>	Occurs in week 11 (Wed or Thurs) Lasts up to 90 minutes In-person or virtual (by negotiation)
<b>Inspection team attendees</b>	Inspection lead Depute inspection lead Strategic support officer Scrutiny partners
<b>Partnership attendees</b>	Senior operational officers with lead responsibilities for corporate parenting Chief officers (optional) Chair of the champion's board (or equivalent) Chair(s) of the strategic group(s) leading on children's service planning Partnership inspection coordinator Partnership inspection participation lead
<p>This discussion follows record reading (week 8), staff survey analysis (week 10), and children, young people and parent survey analysis (week 10). It will serve as a midpoint discussion with the partnership. It will enable the inspection team to provide an overview of inspection activities to-date, with a focus on record reading and survey results. The partnership will be given the opportunity to offer their reflections from the surveys and record reading.</p> <p>The inspection lead and/or depute will outline arrangements for engagement week (week 12).</p>	

Partnership discussion 3	
<b>Practical arrangements</b>	Occurs in week 15 (Thurs) Lasts up to 90 minutes Usually in-person
<b>Inspection team attendees</b>	Inspection lead Depute inspection lead Scrutiny partners Link inspector
<b>Partnership attendees</b>	Chief officers and senior officers with lead responsibility for corporate parenting Chair of the champion's board (or equivalent) Chair(s) of the strategic group(s) leading on children's service planning Partnership inspection coordinator
<p>The inspection team will provide feedback on strengths and areas for development emerging from the inspection findings. At this stage the report will not have been to the Quality and Consistency panel so we will be unable to share evaluations of the four quality indicators at this meeting.</p> <p>The link inspector will outline how they will continue to monitor the progress of improvement activity.</p> <p>A follow-up conversation will be offered to the partnership after publication.</p>	

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