Consultation questionnaire

Integrated inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and joint inspection of the local safeguarding children board

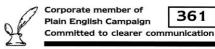
Office for Standards in Education Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted)

The Care Quality Commission (CQC)

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC)

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMI probation)

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons (HMI Prisons)



Responding to this consultation

This document should be read alongside the full consultation document available at http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/140112

The consultation will be open until 12 September 2014.

There are three ways of completing and submitting your response:

- Complete the online questionnaire: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IntegratedInspection
- Download this document from: http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/140112 complete it on your computer and email it to socialcare@ofsted.gov.uk
- Print this document, complete it by hand and post it to

Ofsted, Social Care Policy Team Floor 8, Aviation House 125 Kingsway London WC2B 6SE.

Confidentiality

The information you provide will be held by us. It will only be used for the purposes of consultation and research to help us to become more effective, shape policies and inform inspection and regulatory practice.

We will treat your identity in confidence if you disclose it to us. However, we may publish an organisation's views.

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation or as an individual?

Individual response	
On behalf of an organisation, please s	pecify

Do you work in any of the following areas?

Social care	Education	
Health services	Policing	
Probation services	Youth offending team	
Provider of custodial or detention services	For a charity	
For a voluntary sector organisation	None of these	
Prefer not to say		
Other (please tell us)		

Are you a:

local authority Director of Children's Services	local authority Chief Executive		
Local Safeguarding Children Board Chair	Other local authority director or assistant director		
practitioner in education	senior manager in education		
practitioner in social care	senior manager in social care		
General practitioner	other primary care professional		
Other practitioner in health	other senior manager in health		
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner	Police Officer/staff – Child Protection Specialist role		
Police Officer/staff – other	Senior Police Manager		
YOT practitioner	YOT manager		
CRC practitioner	CRC manager		
NPS practitioner	NPS manager		
Practitioner in custodial services	Senior manager in custodial services		
Practitioner in detention services	Senior manager in detention services		
Lawyer	Elected representative		
Child or young person	Parent/carer		
No / Prefer not to say			
Other (please tell us)			

Proposal 1: How and where we will inspect

How we will inspect?

Inspectors will look closely at the experiences of children and young people who have needed or still need help and/or protection This includes children and young people who are looked after and young people who are leaving care and starting their lives as young adults.

Inspectors will try to understand what the local authority and the partner agencies know about how well they are performing and the difference they are individually and collectively making for children and young people.

Each inspectorate will gather evidence in line with their own criteria. Throughout the inspection, the inspectorates will share findings and lines of enquiry

See paragraphs 33–37 of the full consultation document for further detail

Q1a. To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal for how we will conduct the integrated inspection?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

Where we will inspect?

We will conduct an integrated inspection in 20–25 local authority areas between April 2015 and November 2016. These local authority areas will be identified in a number of ways:

- where Ofsted would be returning following a previous inadequate inspection judgement
- where other inspectorates have concerns about practice that suggest we should evaluate the quality of multi-agency work
- a sample of areas that don't meet these criteria will be inspected so that good practice can be identified and disseminated.

See paragraphs 38–39 of the full consultation document for further detail.

Q1b. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the criteria to identify the local authority areas where we will conduct an integrated inspection?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

Proposal 2: the judgement structure

We propose that the judgement structure used by CQC and HMIC will mirror the judgement structure used by Ofsted in its single inspection:

■ The overall effectiveness of services and arrangements for children – one on each of the local authority, health services and police force.

This is a cumulative judgement for each of the local authority, health service and police derived from:

- The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection one on each of the local authority, health services and police force
- The experiences and progress of children looked after and care leavers one on each of the local authority and health services
- Leadership, management and governance one on each of the local authority, health services and police force.

See paragraphs 40–45 of the full consultation document for further detail.

Questions on the specific evaluation criteria are asked later in this questionnaire.

Q2a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that Ofsted, CQC and HMIC should use the same judgment structure?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

At the same time all five inspectorates will make a shared judgement about the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). This shared judgement will take account of the contribution of the local authority, health services, police force, probation services and (where relevant) the prison service.

See paragraph 42 of the full consultation document for further detail.

A question on the specific evaluation criteria is asked later in this questionnaire.

Q2b. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the inspectorates should make a shared judgment about the effectiveness of the LSCB?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

Proposals 3 and 4: the evaluation criteria

Ofsted

Ofsted will continue to make judgements using the evaluation criteria outlined in the single inspection framework: http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/130216

The evidence to support these judgements will be triangulated with the findings of the other inspectorates where relevant to ensure that any strengths and weaknesses in practice are attributed to the right part system.

See paragraphs 47–48 of the full consultation document for further detail.

Q3a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that Ofsted should continue to use the judgement criteria outlined in the single inspection framework when conducting an integrated inspection?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

The Care Quality Commission

The characteristics of 'good' in the CQC proposals have been developed from their single agency inspection programme key lines of enquiry. To ensure that there is a coherent approach across inspectorates, this has to include some additional detail. Once the characteristics have been finalised, there will be a review back to the single agency methodology to update the key lines of enquiry and ensure consistency in the areas of activity assessed.

See paragraphs 49–70 of the full consultation document for CQC's proposals.

Q3b. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the criteria CQC propose for evaluating the effectiveness of health services:

The overall effectiveness of health services? (paragraphs 63–67)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection – health services (paragraph 68)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

Please add any comments on our proposal

The experiences and progress of children looked after and care leavers – health services? (paragraph 69)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

Leadership, management and governance – health services? (paragraph 70)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

Her Majesty's Inspectorate Of Constabulary

HMIC's contribution to the integrated inspection includes the review of the overall service that is provided by police forces to safeguard children who need help and protection. HMIC will focus on the experiences and outcomes of children within the geographical boundaries of the local authority area and report on the performance of the police serving that area.

See paragraphs 71–81 of the full consultation document for HMIC's proposals.

Q3c. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the criteria HMIC propose for evaluating the effectiveness of the police force:

The overall effectiveness of the police force? (paragraphs 75–79)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

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The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection – the police force? (paragraph 80)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

Please add any comments on our proposal

Leadership, management and governance – the police force? (paragraph 81)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation

HMI Probation will inspect a small sample of cases held by providers of probation services and youth offending teams in the local authority area. We are proposing that the quality of the work to protect children, including, in the case of youth offending services, children looked after, be assessed against the criteria set out in the full consultation document.

See paragraphs 82–97 of the full consultation document for HMI Probation's proposals.

Q4a. To what extent do you agree or disagree with criteria HMI Probation propose for evaluating the effectiveness of:

The National Probation Services and Community Rehabilitation Companies? (paragraphs 84–90)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

Youth offending teams? (paragraphs 91–97)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons

When an integrated inspection is carried out where there is a custodial establishment or detention facility within the local authority area, HMI Prisons will endeavour to align its own inspection schedule so that the work can be completed simultaneously.

See paragraphs 98–107 of the full consultation document for HMI Prison's proposals.

Q4b. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the criteria HMI Prisons propose for evaluating the effectiveness of custodial and detention services?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

Proposal 5: how we will report

We will not make an aggregate judgement, but we will bring together the key findings from all agencies about the help, protection and care of children and young people into a summary report.

In addition, we intend to produce individual agency reports that will focus on the key strengths and weaknesses in the individual agencies.

The summary report and individual agency reports will be combined into one document for publication.

See paragraphs 108–111 of the full consultation for further detail.

Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposals for how we will report our findings?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

Proposal 6: joint inspection of the LSCB

All the inspectorates will together evaluate the effectiveness and influence of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and the contribution of partners to making a difference to the lives of children and young people locally. We will make a shared judgement and produce a joint report.

See paragraphs 112–118 of the full consultation document for our full shared criteria for the inspection of the LSCB

6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with our shared criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of the LSCB?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No answer

What did you think of this consultation?

Thank you for taking part in our consultation.

Please tell us what you thought of this consultation. Your views will help us to improve our consultations.

How did you hear about this consultation?

Ofsted
CQC
HMI Constabulary
HMI Probation
HMI Prisons

Other (please specify)

	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Don't know
I found the consultation information clear and easy to understand.				
I found the consultation easy to find.				
I had enough information about the consultation topic.				
I would take part in a future Ofsted consultation.				

Is there anything you would like us to improve on or do differently for future consultations? If so, please tell us below.

Additional questions about you

Your answers to the following questions will help us to evaluate how successfully we are gathering views from all sections of society. We would like to assure you that all responses are anonymous and you do not have to answer every question.

Please tick the appropriate box.

1. Gender

Female	Male	

2. Age

Under 14	14–18	19–24 🗌	25–34 □	35–44 🗌	45–54 □	55–64 □	65+ □

3. Ethnic origin

(a) How would you describe your national group?

British or mixed British	English	
Northern Irish	Irish	
Scottish	Welsh	
Other (specify if you wish)		

(b) How would you describe your ethnic group?

Asian	Mixed ethnic origin	
Bangladeshi	Asian and White	
Indian	Black African and White	
Pakistani	Black Caribbean and White	
Any other Asian background (specify if you wish)	Any other mixed ethnic background (specify if you wish)	

Black	White	
African	Any White background (specify if you wish)	
Caribbean	Any other ethnic background	
Any other Black background (specify if you wish)	Any other background (specify if you wish)	
Chinese		1
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(specify if you wish)		

4. Sexual orientation

Heterosexual	Lesbian	Gay	Bisexual

5. Religion/belief

None	Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)	
Buddhist	Hindu	
Jewish	Muslim	
Sikh	Any other, please state:	

6. Disability

Do you consider yourself to be disabled?	Yes		No	
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