



Joint Targeted Area Inspections (JTAs)

What is a JTAI?

A Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) is an inspection framework for evaluating the services of vulnerable children & 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). Each JTAI includes a specific 'deep dive' safeguarding theme.

Where do I find further information?

For more information please visit:

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

[Joint inspections of child exploitation - GOV.UK](#)

[Joint targeted area inspections on the theme of children's mental health - GOV.UK](#)

What happens during the Inspection?

The inspections look at how well local agencies work together in an area to protect children. The inspection will take place over 3 weeks; the Inspectorate will be onsite for the third week during the inspection schedule.

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 local 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.

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.

What you need to do?

The 2019/20 deep dive themes focus on Children's Mental Health or Child Exploitation. Warwickshire could potentially be selected to undergo an inspection on either of these themes. Warwickshire 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.

How are we preparing for an Inspection?

Warwickshire Safeguarding will lead on the coordination with oversight from the Independent Chair for the JTAI in preparation that Warwickshire are selected. Named representatives from the Police, CCG, and Warwickshire County Council will represent and lead on all aspects of the preparation and inspection work on behalf of their individual organisations.