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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), His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC). Each JTAI includes a specific 'deep dive' safeguarding theme.



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What happens during the Inspection?

The Inspectors 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 – **13th to 17th July**.

Inspectors track children's journeys, review case records, observe practice, and speak to professionals to understand the quality of decision-making and outcomes from first contact.

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Where do I find further information

To read the inspection framework and what inspectors will focus on please click the link below:

[Joint targeted area inspection of the multi-agency response to identification of initial need and risk - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-targeted-area-inspection-of-the-multi-agency-response-to-identification-of-initial-need-and-risk)

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What methodology is used?

Inspectors use a triangulated approach to gather evidence, including tracking children's experiences, reviewing case records, observing practice, and speaking to practitioners, children, and families.

This allows inspectors to build a full picture of how services are working together. The focus is on understanding the quality of practice, decision-making, and the impact on outcomes for children.

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How do we find out the outcome?

At the end of the on-site inspection, inspectors will meet with senior leaders from local safeguarding partnerships to share initial findings on **Friday 17th July**.

These findings are presented as a narrative report rather than graded judgements, highlighting key strengths, areas for development, and any priority actions required.

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What you need to do?

The theme chosen for our JTAI inspection is **the multi-agency response to identification of initial need and risk**.

Inspectors may want to speak to you about your families and how effectively agencies work together to identify, assess, and respond to risk. As part of preparation, all partners will be asked to contribute to audits, provide case examples, and demonstrate the fantastic multi-agency working that we do!

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How are we preparing for an Inspection?

Stockport Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) will lead on the coordination of the JTAI, with oversight from the Independent Scrutineer in preparation for a potential inspection. Named representatives from the Police, Health, Education and Stockport Council will lead on all aspects of preparation and inspection activity on behalf of their respective agencies. Preparation will include multi-agency audits, evidence gathering, and ensuring that safeguarding practice is consistent, effective, and aligned with current priorities.

Website: [Stockport Safeguarding Children Partnership \(SCP\) - Stockport Council](#)

