

Update on July 2018 Ofsted ILACS Action Plan

Appendix One: Overview of inspection frameworks that apply to our children's social care arrangements

For information

[Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services \(ILACS\)](#)

Ofsted launched this framework in 2018 and as the main body of this report explains, it looks at local authority services for children in need of help and protection, children in care and care leavers. This inspection results in a judgement grade from Ofsted, contained within a published letter.

As we had this inspection just last year we are not expecting to be inspected under this framework again for at least a further two/three years. It is likely that the inspection framework will be revised before we are inspected under it again. It is common practice within Ofsted to review and revise inspection frameworks once all local authorities in England have been inspected.

[Joint Targeted Area Inspections \(JTAI\)](#)

These are joint inspections carried out by Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission (CQC), Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP). The purpose of the JTAI is to jointly assess how local authorities, the police, health, probation and youth offending services are working together in an area to identify, support and protect vulnerable children and young people. They are happening all around the country and Brighton & Hove could receive a visit at any time – we have not yet had this inspection locally. This inspection results in a published letter but no judgement grade is applied.

The JTAs always include an evaluation of the multi-agency front door for child protection, where children at risk of harm first become known to local services.

The inspection will also then include a 'deep dive' investigation, evaluating the experiences of children and young people at risk of a specific type (or types) of harm, or the support and care of children looked after and/or care leavers.

Examples of deep dive themes include

- Child exploitation and children missing from home, school or care
- Children living with domestic abuse
- Older children living with neglect
- Children's mental health
- Child sexual abuse in the family environment

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Focussed Visits

These are not formal inspections but are conducted by Ofsted in order to capture best practice or to help identify areas for improvement outside of the main inspection frameworks. A focused visit will look at one or more aspects of service, themes or cohorts of children. We have not yet had a focussed visit from Ofsted so may get one at any time. This visit results in a published letter but no judgement grade is applied.

Guidance on Focussed Visits features on [page 26 of the main ILACS guidance](#).

Local Area SEND Inspection

This is a joint inspection between Ofsted and the CQC and explores how well local areas (for us this means Brighton & Hove) fulfil their responsibilities for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities. This covers education, health and social care. We had this inspection in 2016 and had a positive letter published. This inspection does not result in a judgement grade.

It is likely that Ofsted and the CQC will now review this framework as most local areas have been inspected. We are not therefore expected to be inspected again in the near future.

Any questions?

Any questions about these inspection frameworks can be directed to
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