

Changes to Annex A for the inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers, and the review of LSCBs

This note summarises the changes made to Annex A in April 2014. As part of the review of the first 11 inspections conducted under the single inspection framework we have reviewed the content of Annex A. We spoke with a number of local authorities (LAs) and reviewed the information provided by those inspected. As a result, we have reduced the content of some lists.

Some of the feedback we received related to specific data items which LAs might find more difficult to produce through standard reporting arrangements, as they would not always be systematically recorded and might, for instance, be held in case notes or systems other than the authority's ICS, if at all. We have restated in the new guidance, and reiterate here, that we ask the LA to provide us with the best information they have available within the limited time they have to produce the lists. We fully recognise there are likely to be gaps in the information and that these will vary from one location to another. Any gaps that occur should not be seen by LAs as a hurdle at which some may fall; this is not how Ofsted will view them. Where data are unavailable the LA will be asked to demonstrate in other ways how they satisfy themselves that sufficient management oversight of the issue is in place. The additional guidance includes examples of where we specifically recognise that this may be the case.

This latest version of Annex A will apply exclusively to all inspections that commence from June 2014. We appreciate that some LAs may have made preparations to submit this information in accordance with the earlier version of Annex A. Any LA whose inspection commences before June 2014 may opt to use either the new revised annex or the earlier version.



List	Changes
1. Contacts	No change.
2. Early help / CAF	No change.
3. Referrals	<p>The following data items have been removed from this list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Unique pupil number (UPN) ■ Unaccompanied asylum seeking child (UASC) within the last 12 months? (Y/N) ■ Privately fostered? (Y/N) ■ Does the child have a disability? (Y/N) ■ Does the child have an SEN? (SAP/S) ■ Is the child receiving suitable education? (Y/N) ■ Child's average school attendance.
4. Assessments	<p>For each of these lists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ UPN has been removed from the list. ■ The two questions on suitable education and attendance have been replaced by a single one rephrased as 'Are there concerns about this child's school place (or alternative provision), or their attendance? Y/N'.
5. S.47 enquiries	
6. Children in need	
7. Child protection plans	
8. Looked after children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ UPN has been removed from this list. ■ The two questions on suitable education and attendance have been replaced by a single one rephrased as 'Are there concerns about this child's school place (or alternative provision), or their attendance? Y/N'. ■ 'Does the child's plan include planned short-term breaks? (Y/N)' has been removed from this list.
9. Care leavers	No change.
10. Adoption	<p>The following data items have been removed from this list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Unique pupil number (UPN) ■ Unaccompanied asylum seeking child (UASC) within the last 12 months? (Y/N).
11. Adopters	No change.

Please see the detailed guidance at field level for each list which is available at www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/130216. Any queries should be sent to the social care data team mailbox: socialcaredata@ofsted.gov.uk.

The items of information requested in part two of Annex A (performance information required to support the inspection) have not been revised. However, we have sought to clarify the request in several respects.

- We make clear that the information submitted should be **the best and most recent information** in relation to the listed topics.
- We clarify what information should be submitted in the event that the review of the LSCB is not undertaken at the same time as the inspection of the LA.
- We outline a system for organising the information when it is submitted so both Ofsted and the LA can more easily and quickly be clear about what has been received and minimise the risk of confusion.