

Every Child Matters: consultation questionnaire on new arrangements for children's services inspection

This questionnaire asks for reactions and comments on aspects of the proposals. It is designed for use by organisations covered by the Children Act provisions. We would be glad to receive a collective response representing the views of the organisations in a local area. We are also happy to receive separate responses, such as from councils, primary care trusts, police authorities, schools or colleges. An electronic version of the form is on the Ofsted website: www.ofsted.gov.uk/everychildconsultation.

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THE FRAMEWORK FOR INSPECTION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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| 1. <i>The principles for inspection are constructive and address relevant issues effectively.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement | | | | | |

JOINT AREA REVIEWS

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| 2. <i>The coverage of service contributions is balanced and comprehensive.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement | | | | | |

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| 3. <i>The proposals fulfil the expectation that joint area reviews will be risk-based and proportionate to need.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement | | | | | |

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| 4. <i>The methodology suggests that the review process will be responsive to local circumstances.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement | | | | | |

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| 5. <i>The definition of outcomes and key judgements (Appendix 1) are clear and realistic.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement | | | | | |

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| 6. <i>The key judgements are likely to be useful in supporting self-assessment and improvement.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement | | | | | |

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| 7. <i>The proposals for integrating joint area reviews and CPA corporate assessment (Appendix 2) are clear and manageable.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement | | | | | |

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| 8. <i>Joint area reviews will contribute to the rationalisation of service inspection in local areas and should prove manageable for the organisations covered.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement | | | | | |

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

Please note that these issues are about annual performance assessment of councils, and so we would not expect responses from other bodies, although all responses are welcome.

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| 9. <i>The basis on which judgements will be made in annual performance assessments is clear.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement | | | | | |

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| <i>10. The proposed relationship between joint area reviews and annual performance assessment is practical.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement | | | | | |

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| <i>11. The principle that if either the education or the social care judgement is <u>inadequate</u> then the overall judgement will also be <u>inadequate</u>, is appropriate.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement | | | | | |

EVIDENCE FOR KEY JUDGEMENTS

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| <i>12. The illustrations of service activity and associated performance measures (in the document <u>Inspection of Children's Services: key judgements and evidence</u>) are helpful indications of evidence for the judgements.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement. (Please indicate which illustrations of service activity could be deleted because they are less significant than others.) | | | | | |

THE PROPOSALS OVERALL

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| <i>13. The proposals offer a convincing account of harmonisation of approach among the participating inspectorates and commissions.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement | | | | | |

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| <i>14. These proposals on an integrated approach to inspection are likely to help services improve their work for children and young people.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments and suggestions for improvement | | | | | |

Additional comments

INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESPONDENT(S)

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| Organisation(s) | |
| Local Authority Area | |
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Contributors to this response (please tick):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Children's Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Police Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Social Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Reduction Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Education Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Strategic Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Community Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Offending Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council: other (specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning and Skills Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Care Trust Chief Executive | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Care Trust Director Public Health | <input type="checkbox"/> College |
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