



Inspection of safeguarding and looked after children services

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Revised inspection framework

- More focus on safeguarding children arrangements and looked after children than JAR
- Evaluating the impact practice and services have on improving outcomes.
- Includes management of risk and minimising incidence of abuse or neglect.



Safeguarding definition

- Protecting children and young people from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children and young people's health or development
- Ensuring that children and young people are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care

Enabling children and young people to have optimum life chances and to enter adulthood successfully.



Looked after children and care leavers

- We are all responsible for their well-being (five ECM outcomes).
- We know outcomes are far worse for looked after children.
- We need to “think looked after child” and act to make a difference.
- We need to champion our children and young people in our work.



Inspection has begun!

- Documents sent
- Live cases of vulnerable children
- Have picked initial 8 cases for us to audit
- Surveys conducted of VCS and social workers
- Looked after children surveys



Inspection activity includes

- Visit to a children's centre
- Visit to a primary school
- Visit to a secondary school
- Following up 20 cases
- Focus groups and interviews, including children, young people and parents/carers



VCS involvement

- As part of partnership arrangements – GAVS representatives
- Surveyed already
- Focus groups
- Follow up on cases
- Organising some groups of children and young people, parents and carers