Comprehensive Area Assessment and Looked after Children and Safeguarding inspections
Background - CAA

- Conducted by seven partner inspectorates
- Replaces previous frameworks e.g. CPA, JAR, APA
- About outcomes not just organisations
- Focused on local priorities – LAAs
- National Indicator Set to be key source of evidence
- Leading to an annual report
- May also result in triggered/targeted inspection activity
Background – rolling programmes

- JARs ending this year
- Continued focus on looked after children and safeguarding
- Each local authority every three years
- Closely linked to annual CAA process
Joint CAA proposals

- Area Assessment (ungraded)
  - Outcomes the council is delivering alone or in partnership

Q 1 How well do local priorities express community needs and aspirations?

Q 2 How well are the outcomes and improvements needed being delivered?
  (including ‘How good is the well-being of children and young people?’)

Q 3 What are the prospects for future improvement?
Joint CAA proposals

- Organisational Assessment (graded):
  - Use of resources
  - Managing performance
Ofsted’s proposals for inspecting Looked After Children and Safeguarding

- annual safeguarding fieldwork visit
- three-yearly proportionate inspection
- case-tracking and interviews
- involving managers
- four weeks notice
- single report and separate grades
- self-evaluation
- user focused
- considering how to involve other inspectorates
Data and evidence

- Local Area Agreements
- Self evaluation, Children and Young People’s Plan review, etc
- National Indicator Set and other national data
- Local data
- Results of Ofsted inspection and regulation work within the area
- Other information held by Ofsted e.g. serious case reviews
- User views
Ofsted’s Proposals for Performance Profile and annual rating

- Focused on children’s services
- Draws together what we know about an area
- Timely and transparent
- Used to produce a performance rating for children’s services
- Feeds both CAA and rolling programmes
Ofsted’s Performance Profile

- Contains
  - Inspected services
  - ECM indicators (NIS)
- Performance bands based on fixed cut off points
- Trends, comparator groups, LAA targets
- Interactive – access additional detail as required
- Multi layered – summary, themes, indicators, underpinning data
Areas for development and discussion

- Analysing responses to the consultation papers
- Learning from the CAA trials
- Looked after Children and Safeguarding trials
- Self evaluation
- Creating the performance bands (jointly with DCSF)
- Underpinning data
- Methodology for producing the performance rating
- IT and systems