

Consultation: Comprehensive Area Assessment

On Monday 19 November 2007, the Audit Commission, Commission for Social Care Inspection, Healthcare Commission, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, HM Inspectorate of Prisons, HM Inspectorate of Probation and Ofsted published the first joint inspectorate consultation on the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA).

This joint inspectorate consultation invites views on proposals for the overall shape and scope of CAA. In particular on:

- the assessment of risk in an area, including what is meant by risk and area;
- how the different elements of CAA will fit together;
- the sort of evidence to be used, how it will be gathered and how assessing risk depends on assessing performance;
- reporting to, and engaging with, the public and how CAA will maintain a clear focus on improving performance and being a catalyst for innovation;
- how CAA fits with the other performance frameworks; and
- how CAA fits with Sustainable Communities Strategies, Local Area Agreements and the role of regional Government Offices.

The consultation closes on Friday 15 February 2008. Full details can be found at: www.audit-commission.gov.uk/caa/consultation.asp

CAA Roadshows

The inspectorates are jointly holding a series of workshops as part of the consultation on CAA.

Region	Date	Venue
North West	15th January 2008	Manchester United Football Club
Yorkshire	16th January 2008	Cedar Court, Huddersfield
North East	17th January 2008	Marriott Hotel Gosforth Park, Newcastle upon Tyne
South West	24th January 2008	Winter Gardens, Weston S Mare
South East	25th January 2008	Royal Berkshire, Reading
London	31st January 2008	New Connaught Rooms
West Midlands	5th February 2008	Botanical Gardens, Birmingham
East Midlands	6th February 2008	Whittlebury Hall, Northants
East England	7th February 2008	Trinity Park, Ipswich

The CAA events will run from 10.00am until 12.30pm. From 1.30pm a workshop for PCTs will also take place, in partnership with the Healthcare Commission, focusing on key developments and specific issues for PCTs such as the Auditors' Local Evaluation and use of resources.

A booking form for these CAA roadshows is available at: www.audit-commission.gov.uk/newsandevents/downloads/CAA_Roadshow_2007.pdf