

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE – 12 APRIL 2016

**JOINT INSPECTION OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ANGUS
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Care Inspectorate will lead a joint inspection of the provision of services to children and young people in the Angus Community Planning Partnership area commencing on Monday 16 May 2016.
- 1.2 The Inspection will take account of the full range of work within our Community Planning Partnership (CPP). In particular the visiting inspection team will focus on how well partners are improving outcomes for children and young people through collaborative leadership, integrated service delivery and joint working.

2. THE INSPECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 The Care Inspectorate Inspection Handbook provides a detailed guide to the full inspection process.

<http://hub.careinspectorate.com/media/252159/ci-inspection-handbook-for-joint-inspection-of-services-for-children-and-young-people-july-2015.pdf>

Inspection Framework

- 2.2 The visiting inspection team will use and report against the framework: 'How well are we improving the lives of children, young people and families?'

<http://www.careinspectorate.com/images/documents/2600/Care%20Inspectorate%20Joint%20Inspect%20Quality%20Indicators%20Children%20&%20Young%20People.pdf>

Inspection Team

- 2.3 The joint inspection team will be made up of inspectors from the Care Inspectorate (both health and social work backgrounds), along with inspectors from Education Scotland, Healthcare Improvement Scotland, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary for Scotland and Associate Assessors. Young inspection volunteers aged 18 to 26 years who have direct experience of care and/or child protection services also participate in these inspections.
- 2.4 The Joint inspection team will evaluate the effectiveness of our CPP in ensuring positive outcomes for all children in Angus. In addition, inspection activity is designed to enable the Care Inspectorate to include in reports particular assurance about the effectiveness of partners' work in improving outcomes for vulnerable children, including children and young people in need of protection, young carers, looked after children and young people, care leavers and young people in receipt of continuing care.

Pre-inspection return

- 2.5 CPPs are required to submit a joint self-evaluation based upon work carried out across children's services in the last 12 –18 months along with supporting evidence. In addition to the submission of the joint self-evaluation, the Care Inspectorate also requires position statements on three key areas:

- Getting it right for every child (GIRFEC) implementation
- Child sexual exploitation (CSE)
- Corporate parenting; how well partners have implemented 'These are our bairns'

Inspection Footprint

- 2.6 The inspection team will be on site for 13 days over the weeks beginning 16 and 30 May and 20 June 2016. They will follow a proportionate programme of engagement activities including individual interviews with Agency Strategic Leads, meetings with thematic multi-agency focus groups, observing strategic multi-agency meetings, meetings with established groups of children, young people, parents and carers and visits to services.

Staff Survey

- 2.7 As part of the evidence gathering process the Care Inspectorate will send us a staff survey to be completed by Lead Professionals and Named Persons

Case File Reading

- 2.8 In all inspections practice is reviewed through reading the core records of a statistically valid sample of vulnerable children. For Angus it is likely to be approximately 90 children and young people's records. The case file reading will be carried out during the week beginning 30 May 2016.
- 2.9 From the case file sample the inspection team will identify approximately 20 cases to be followed up through network of support meetings. These meetings will take place during the week beginning 20 June 2016.

Professional Discussions

- 3.0 During the inspection a schedule of five professional discussions will be arranged at agreed points.
- 3.1 The first professional discussion (PD1) on 17 May 2016 will provide the Angus CPP with an opportunity to discuss our improvement journey including achievements and challenges with the visiting inspection team.
- 3.2 The second and third discussions (PD2 and PD3) on 24 May and 17 June 2016 help to shape scope of the inspection and allow emerging messages and themes to be discussed.
- 3.3 The fourth discussion (PD4) on 5 July 2016 will be an opportunity for the inspection team to share high level inspection findings and the inspection team's evaluations.
- 3.4 The final discussion (PD5) on 28 July allows inspectors to share more detailed findings and to provide additional information or clarification that may be helpful to partners in advance of them receiving the draft report.

Reporting

- 3.5 The final Inspection Report which we will be published in autumn 2016 will be structured around three key questions:
- How are the lives of children and young people in the CPP area improving? (QIs 1.1; 2.1; 2.2)
 - How well are partners in the CPP area working together to improve the lives of children, young people and families? (QIs 5.1; 5.2; 5.3; 6.2; 6.3)
 - How well do partners lead and improve the quality of work to achieve better outcomes for children and families? (QI 9.4)

Action Plan

- 3.6 The Angus CPP will be required to prepare and submit an action plan in response to the final report within six weeks of publication.