



JTAI - SERIOUS YOUTH VIOLENCE

What is JTAI?

JTAI is a **Joint Targeted Area Inspection**. It is a multi agency inspection of a whole local area footprint and inspects the way we work together as organisations. The Inspectorate Team is made up of Ofsted, Care Quality Commission (CQC) and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS)

The inspection runs over three weeks and is always linked to a theme. The current themes for Autumn 23 and Spring 24 are Serious Youth Violence and the Identification of initial need and risk.

This guide focusses on Serious Youth Violence - read the full JTAI Inspection framework [here](#). Organisations involved will be Children's Services, Police, Youth Justice, Education, relevant health services, Community Safety and Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) and other relevant partners including from voluntary sector.

Why this theme? There were 282 deaths involving knives in the year to March 2022 - this was a 20% rise, knife crime is increasing especially in the under 18 age group.

Definition

'children affected by serious youth violence'

This covers: children who are victims of violence, children who cause harm to others through violence, and children who are both victims and perpetrators of violence.

Children

The Serious Youth Violence theme will look at children age 10+, the inspectors ask for a list of 30 children.



Audit

The inspectors will choose 5-7 children to focus on and there will be a multi agency audit for these children. You could be involved in this if you work with one of the children

The focus of the inspection will be to explore the multi agency response to serious youth violence including prevention and interventions in places and spaces and how partners work to avoid children being unnecessarily criminalised.

Strategic

How Partnerships:

- collate and share information and intelligence to understand risk and the implications of serious youth violence within the local community/ies
- use this information and engage with communities to inform their decision-making in relation to interventions and commissioning services
- engage meaningfully with children, parents and carers to understand their needs and views
- develop and implement approaches to prevention, including the role of education providers and multi-agency interventions in places and spaces to address risk and improve safety for children
- support the workforce, so they have the skills, the knowledge and the right working conditions to help and protect children
- evaluate and oversee their responses to serious youth violence

Work with children

How Partners:

- respond to all forms of serious youth violence and child criminal exploitation at the point of identification
- assess, plan and make decisions in response to notifications and referrals of children at risk of/subject to serious youth violence and/or criminal exploitation
- protect, support and care for children who are at risk or have been harmed by serious youth violence and/or criminal exploitation, including looked after children

Places & Spaces

Inspectors consider

- what information and intelligence partners are using to inform their decisions about interventions in places and spaces
- whether this is a partnership approach, what methodology/approach they use and what the aim of the intervention(s) is
- how partners consult and engage children and communities in relation to this work
- how partners are making sure that children and places and spaces are safer
- what the outcome is and how partners evaluate their interventions



Week 1
Notice on a Monday. Inspectors off site. Evidence and child level data submitted.

Week 2
Inspectors off site - preparatory work. Audits take place

Week 3
On site, case tracking, observation of practice, interviews with practitioners and managers. Talking to children.

15 days later - draft letter to partnership

31 days later - final letter (under embargo)

34 days later - letter published