



**E-Bulletin: Issue No 3**

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This is intended for wide distribution to all staff delivering services for children, young people and families in Warrington. Please forward a copy to any colleagues not shown on the distribution list, and print hard copies for those not on the email system.

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## **Analysis Week – how it went**

We welcomed 10 inspectors to Warrington in early July and they spent three days reading the 200+ documents we had provided for them, and getting a good understanding of services on offer to children, young people and families in the town.

At the end of the week, their feedback indicated that the material they have seen so far shows a generally good position with regard to the quality and range of services we provide. The inspectors are preparing for their field work in a generally positive frame of mind.

All the hard work in preparing for this part of the JAR has paid off.

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## **'Key Lines of Enquiry' for the JAR**

During the analysis week, the inspectors re-confirmed the areas of service on which they will focus – they refer to them as 'Key Lines of Enquiry' (KLOE). They are:

- Safeguarding
- Looked After Children (LAC)
- Children with learning difficulties and/or disabilities (LDD)
- Service Managements
- Substance Mis-use
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- 14-16 Curriculum and Post-16 provision



## 'Cross-cutting' themes for the Fieldwork Weeks

In the feedback following the analysis week, the inspectors made it clear that they will explore some general themes when reviewing the key lines of enquiry. The particular areas they want to explore further were given as:

- **Transition** – how well we support vulnerable young people as they transfer to receiving adult services
- **Involvement and Participation** – involving children and young people in the design and delivery of services
- **Equality and Diversity** – our approach to promoting equality in all services
- **'The Golden Thread'** - how well our strategic plans link to what is actually happening for children and young people
- **Quality Assurance** – how we demonstrate our commitment to performance management, supervision, etc
- **Family Support Model** - how it is being used and applied across services

We can expect all the above to form the basis for the inspector's investigations when they are with us in September. If you are preparing to meet the inspectors, take time to consider whether your area of service can provide useful examples against these themes.

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## Documentation for Inspectors

The inspectors were impressed with the documentation we provided for them during the analysis week. Many thanks to all of you who provided information. A full set of documents (excluding any confidential items) will be available on <http://www.warrington.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/everychildmatters/lajointinspections/> from next week. This is a useful resource for anyone working in Children's Services in Warrington and particularly helpful for anyone preparing to meet the inspectors.

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## Additional Documents for the Inspectors

We are collecting a few additional pieces of evidence for the inspectors to supplement the material provided for the analysis week. If you are asked to contribute to this exercise, please respond promptly.

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## Staff Briefing - Information Packs

We have produced a pack of information to supplement the presentations at the briefing sessions. Comprising of a number of fact sheets the packs provide information on:

- background to the JAR
- the key lines of enquiry, and cross-cutting themes
- the Children and Young People's Plan
- preparing to meet the inspectors
- the inspectors' background
- timetable for September

The packs are useful preparation of anyone likely to meet the inspectors and will be available on the website

<http://www.warrington.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/everychildmatters/lajointinspections> from Friday 24 August.

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## 'Tellus2' Survey

Ofsted have informed us that the results of the survey will not now be available until 6<sup>th</sup> September. Copies of the results will be distributed as soon as we have them. The inspectors will have the results to consider as part of their evidence base.

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## Fieldwork - 3-14<sup>th</sup> September

We are close to agreeing the timetable of visits, interviews and focus groups with the lead inspector. Those of you who are expecting to be directly involved will receive an email confirming the date, time and venue for your session during the week of 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Please check your emails during this week (or make arrangements for them to be checked in your absence if you are on leave). You will be asked to confirm that you can attend by return email to the JAR email address.

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## Contact us

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**Look out for the next e-bulletin on 24 August**