



JAR Bulletin 4

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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, and print hard copies for those not on the email system.

Update on Staff Briefings

Over 350 staff from across all agencies working with children in Warrington have attended one of a series of staff briefings over the last few weeks. Held at the Professional Development Centre in Irwell Road, the half-day sessions have been well-received, with very positive feedback coming from attendees.

JAR Preparation Briefing Pack

A comprehensive pack of information has been compiled to help practitioners to prepare for interviews with or visits from the inspectors. The pack provides a clear summary of our current position with regard to services which form the 'key lines of enquiry' for the JAR. It also has pen portraits of all the inspection team, and other useful information about the background to the JAR process.

The packs were used at the staff briefing sessions, and were warmly received. If you did not attend these sessions but would like to have a pack, it is now available on the website at

<http://www.warrington.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/everychildmatters/lajointinspections/jointareastaff.aspx>

Information for the Inspectors

We have given the inspection team a good deal of information to ensure that they get a good insight into all our services and our plans for the future. Most of the documents we gave them in July can be viewed at

<http://www.warrington.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/everychildmatters/lajointinspections/jardocs.aspx>

We are also providing a few additional items following some of the feedback we received after the Analysis Week.

The inspectors should not need any more printed information from you when you attend focus groups or interviews. However, if you do think that you have something that they might find interesting or they ask for a copy of something, can you please liaise with the JAR Team **before** you hand it over.

Contact Emma Pagendam and she will co-ordinate the submission of any further material to the inspectors.

JAR Fieldwork Timetable

The JAR timetable is now finalised. The inspectors will be out and about across the town during the first couple of weeks of September. If you are needed for a specific interview or focus group you will receive a formal invitation (via email) by the end of August. Please reply promptly and then look out for further details as your appointment approaches.

The timetable remains flexible, with the inspectors likely to ask for additional interviews or visits throughout their time with us. In these circumstances, individual staff required might not get much notice, so please keep a close eye on your email inbox.



Inspector-spotting in September

The inspectors will be around at New Town House, St Werburgh's and the Town Hall throughout their two weeks with us. The list below gives your best chance to 'spot an inspector' in other places.....

- Tuesday 4th Service Reception Team at Rylands Street
The Gateway
DAT Office, Long Lane
Fairhaven in Winwick
Guardian House
- Wednesday 5th Peace Centre
Hollins Park
Brook Avenue
Westy Children's Centre
The Children's Society at Catterall Avenue
- Thursday 6th Orchard Children's Centre
Greenwood Centre
Sandy Lane Children's Centre
- Monday 10th Green Lane School
Penketh High School
Ross Close
Warrington Hospital
Birchwood High School
Park Road CP School
Penketh High School
Priestley College
- Tuesday 11th Spencer House, Birchwood
Warrington Collegiate
Gt Sankey High School
Sunshine and Rainbow
Sandy Lane Children's Centre
St Bridget's CP School
Sir Thomas Boteler High School
Oakwood CP School
- Wednesday 12th St Katherine's
Gateway
Peace Centre
Green Lane Special School
Guardian House
PCT Offices – Birchwood
Westy Children's Centre
Lymm High School
Bridgewater High School

This a long list – and it may well get longer! Please be aware that the inspectors are around. Your usual standards of professional behaviour will easily impress them.



Feedback

We want to know how your meetings/interviews with the inspectors go. Prompt feedback from one meeting may well be valuable in helping other prepare for their sessions. The JAR Team will be co-ordinating all feedback and making sure that senior managers are aware of any trends that are emerging.

We have produced a standard form which will be available for every session. Email or fax the sheets to the JAR team. If time is really pressing – you can telephone your comments in and one of the team will write them out.

(Don't forget - if you meet the inspectors 'informally' on their travels and have something you want to feed back, you can use the same sheets or give us a ring)

It's here at last!

We have been planning for this inspection for many weeks. Now that the fieldwork weeks are nearly here, we have the chance to show the inspectors how good we are at delivering services for children and young people in Warrington.

Thankyou to everyone who has supported the JAR process. Feedback and results will be shared as soon as they are available.

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