



Disabled children and young people thematic review Information on review phase 2 and 3

We are seeking nominations from social work services who want to develop their understanding of the experiences of disabled children and young people in their local area. Working alongside the Care Inspectorate, social work teams will be asked to support national learning through their contribution in phase two and three of the review.

What will we do during phase two and three

Between September 2023 and March 2024, we will build on what we have learned from phase one. We will develop our understanding of how well the national picture aligns with what is prioritised by children. To do this, we will work with **four** local authority areas with a focus on the experiences of disabled children and young people. We will explore the effectiveness of key processes of assessment, planning and review in ensuring children and young people have their rights promoted and protected.

Core to our approach is the UNCRC and UNCRPD and the principle of disabled children and young people fully enjoying their rights on an equal basis with non-disabled children and young people.

How we will do this

We will meet with each local authority area to agree the best way to gather feedback from children and young people. This may involve distributing an electronic survey and/or engaging with pre-established groups during both phases. We will discuss this further with the four local areas.

Phase 2 September 2023 to end of January 2024

An electronic **staff survey** will be distributed across social work teams. Local coordinators will be required to support the distribution of the survey link to ensure it reaches the intended audience.

We will **review a sample of 30 social work records** in each local authority area. To minimise the impact on services there is no requirement for local record readers however each area will require to support the record reading through completion of a pre-review return and preparation of records.



Phase 3 February 2024 to end of March 2024

We will undertake **engagement activity** in each of the four local authority areas that will include hearing from children and young people, families and staff. We also plan on holding thematic focus groups across the four local authority areas. This will support reflection and shared learning as well as contribute to the review.

Local coordinator

Each local authority area will be required to identify a review coordinator as the main point of contact. This person should be sufficiently senior to ensure the coordination and smooth running of the review and liaison with the Care Inspectorate to address queries that may arise.

Local coordinators will be required to work alongside the Care Inspectorate to:

- Prepare and support record reading and surveys.
- Organise and manage a five-day timetable to maximise opportunities to engage with children and families and staff who work alongside them. This will include making practical on-site arrangements and coordinating with others.

Review team

Each local authority area will be allocated a review team consisting of three strategic inspectors to undertake the work. A strategic support officer will be our key point of contact for the review in all four areas.

Benefits of taking part in the review

We want to work alongside areas who are committed to self-evaluation and improvement. We will provide support through facilitated discussions and the tools we use as part of our methodology. While we will use one approach across all four areas, there will be an opportunity to take account and respond to local needs and areas of particular interest.

Each area will receive individual record reading and staff survey reports, in addition to the one national report which will be published in May 2024.



Key dates

Nominations to be emailed to dcyp@careinspectorate.gov.scot	by 31 July 2023
Successful nominees notified	August 2023
Coordinator introductory meeting	25 August 2023
Pre inspection return	29 September 2023
Staff survey opens /closes	9 October to 10 November 2023
Record reading areas 1 & 2	15 to 7 January 2024
Record reading areas 3 & 4	22 to 24 January 2024
On-site engagement areas 1 & 2	12 to 16 February 2024
On-site engagement areas 3 & 4	26 February to 1 March 2024

Legislation

This review is being carried out under Section 53 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

If you would like to like to discuss a potential nomination further, please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address below.

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