






It's been 3 years since our last [full social care inspection](#) and Ofsted have recently released a new inspection framework known as the [Inspections of Local Authority Children's Services \(ILACS\)](#). This new framework is part of a wider system that Ofsted have introduced to help them decide when to inspect councils but the intention is also to provide better support before council's are at risk of being judged to be inadequate

This new system includes:

-  - An annual conversation with Ofsted
-  - Every council creating an annual self evaluation
-  - An ILACS Inspection every 3 years
-  - 2 possible 'focused visits' in a 3 year period - focusing on a specific area of the service
-  - Ofsted will continue to carry out multi agency inspections called JTAI which look at specific themes such as domestic abuse or child sexual exploitation .



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Unlike previous inspections, Ofsted now want to spend much more time with social workers and other practitioners working directly with children, young people and their families.

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During an inspection we will be asked to provide a lot of data and information at short notice and we will be keen to share as many examples of good practice with them as possible, especially those that demonstrate real and positive impact on the lives of children and families.

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Ofsted will be looking at our arrangements and effectiveness in

- Helping and protecting children
- Progress and experience of children in care
- Permanence arrangements for those that cannot return home once in care
- Progress and experience of care leavers
- Ofsted will also be looking at the effectiveness of leaders and managers and the impact they have on children's lives as well as the quality of professional practice.

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Ofsted will give us 5 days notice before arriving for a 2 week schedule of meetings and are likely to be based in Moulsecomb Hub North. The resulting judgement (inadequate, requires improvement, good or outstanding) is normally embargoed for about 6 weeks whilst they write their full report..

- Full details of what the inspectors will be [looking at are given here](#).
- We have completed a self evaluation ahead of a possible inspection which [you can read here](#)
- If you have any questions about the inspection please contact Carolyn Bristow on email or ext 3736