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Purpose of inspection

# Principles

We will carry out inspection and regulation that are:

- intelligent
- responsible
- Focused

# Three key principles

## **To focus on the things that matter most to children's lives**

- We have reached a general consensus with the main social care stakeholders that social care inspections should focus on the experiences and progress of children.

## **To be consistent in our expectations of providers**

- It's important that professionals and members of the public can compare services that do similar things.
- **To prioritise our work where improvement is needed most**
- We are committed to inspecting in a way that focuses our resources where they are needed most.

# The focus on inspections

The SCCIF has a consistent and clear focus on evaluating the impact of care and support on the experiences and progress of children, largely through case tracking and sampling. This means that:

- inspectors spend less time looking at policies and procedures and more time looking at the impact of services on children's lives
- we give the minimum notice of inspection, so that we can see settings as they are on a day-to-day basis, and so that the time providers may spend preparing for inspection is reduced as much as possible
- we have set out as clearly as possible the details of the information required by inspectors to assist their inspection; this will enable providers to produce their best evidence whenever we give notice of inspection

# Looking ahead

- The Big Listen
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ofsted-big-listen>

Across our work, we want to explore 4 areas:

- **reporting** – how we report on our education and regulatory inspections
- **inspection practice** – the shape of our education and regulatory inspections, our ways of working and the craft of inspecting
- **culture and purpose** – the conduct of our inspections and the way we work
- **impact** – the consequences of our inspections for children, professionals, institutions and parents' choices

# The Big Listen.

- Although the focus is on education at this stage it is likely that common themes and transfer of principles will be made.
- Closing date May 31<sup>st</sup> at 11.59pm