

March Update 2024

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- [The importance of good planning for children moving on from the secure estate - Ofsted: social care \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)
Call for more provision to take children stepping down.
- [What is Doxing? A Guide for Professionals, Parents and Carers | SWGfL](#)
- Amendments to the [Online Safety Act](#): broaden the scope of illegal activities. This will encompass children sharing indecent images. Anticipated to come into force March 2024.
- [#LookCloser To Spot Exploitation | The Children's Society \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](#)
- Safeguarding and Mental Health Conference. 10th July.
Anna Freud and SGN.
- [Recommendations for Change: an NSPCC Learning Podcast series about IICSA | NSPCC Learning](#)

- Home office and NSPCC has launched a new helpline to raise awareness of its Helpline and encourage adults to report if they have any concerns that a child may be at risk of or is being sexually abused, even if they're uncertain about what may be going on.
- [Almost 87,000 sexual offences against children were recorded by police in the past year | NSPCC](#)
- [Making sure children's voices matter this Children's Mental Health week | Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](#)



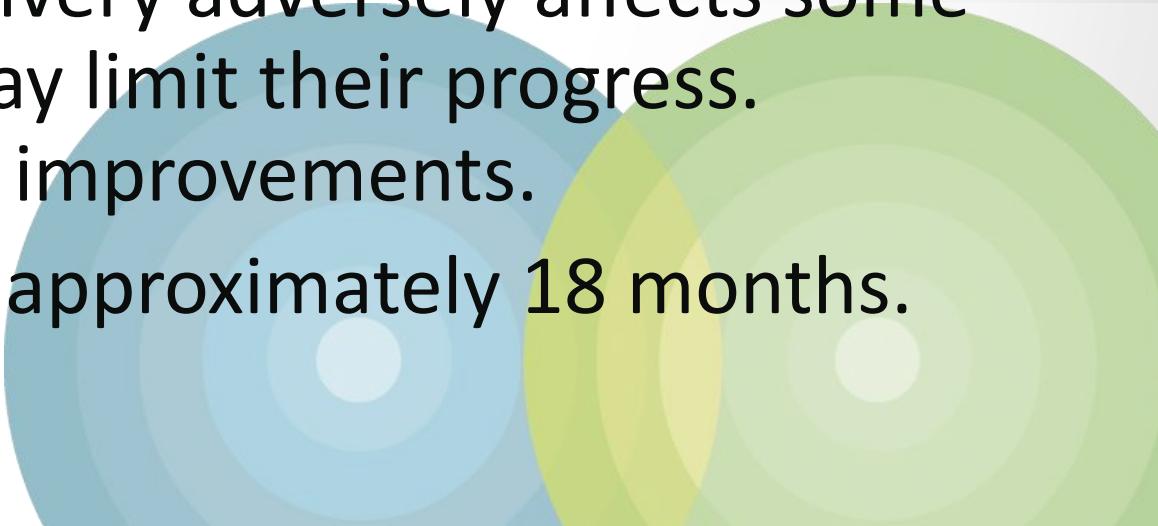
SA SCIFF

- **3 outcomes:**
- **Consistently strong service** delivery leads to typically positive experiences and progress for children. Where improvements are needed, leaders and managers take timely and effective action.

The next inspection will be within approximately 3 years.

- **Inconsistent quality of service** delivery adversely affects some children's experiences, and this may limit their progress. Leaders and managers must make improvements.

The next inspection will be within approximately 18 months.



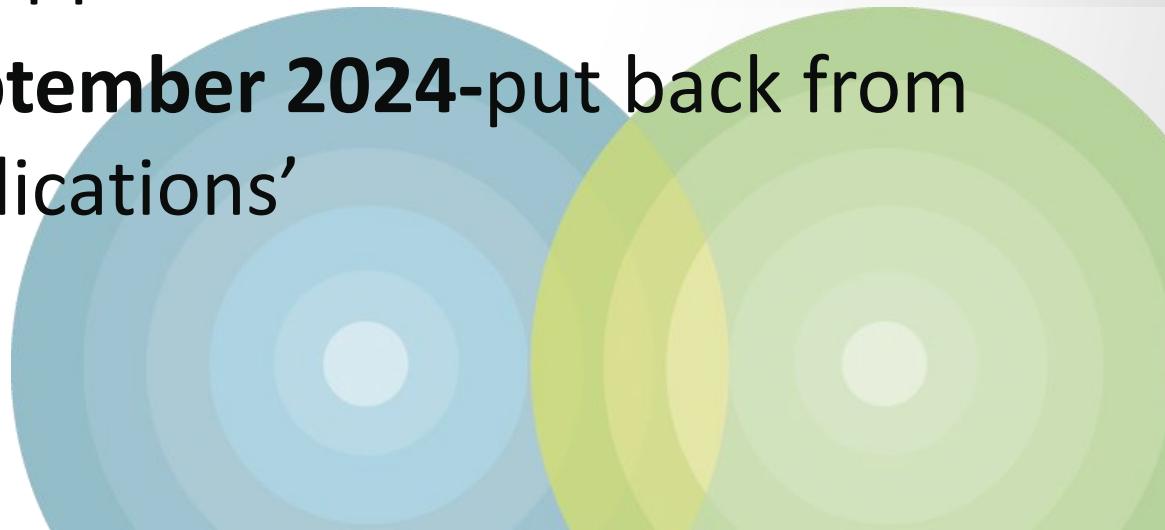
outcomes

- **Serious or widespread weaknesses** lead to significant concerns about the experiences and progress of children. Leaders and managers must take urgent action to address failings.

The next inspection will be within approximately 6 months.

Criteria

- Similar to CH SCIFF but focus on support and transitions
- Inspections are due to start in **September 2024**-put back from April due to 'exceedingly high applications'



General

- Response to the children's consultation on inspection SA.
[Children and young people's consultation: Inspecting supported accommodation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-and-young-people-s-consultation-on-inspecting-supported-accommodation)
- Very low response-280
- Young people did not like the 2 day's notice to inspections, Ofsted therefore compromised: "*We won't arrive on site until 2 days after we announce the inspection, but the inspection starts when we call the provider to say we will be inspecting them. Any information we gather in the 2 days off site, when we may also talk to young people and professionals, will be part of the evidence that we use to reach our judgements. We will make this very clear to providers.*"
- Ofsted retain the right to visit at any time if concerned

- School absences up from 24,700 in 21/22 to 33,000 23/24 (CYP Now)
- [Pupil attendance in schools, Week 6 2024 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/pupil-attendance-in-schools-week-6-2024)
- New rules on school absences: increase in fines and possible court action, state school registers to be shared with DoE.

