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Dear Colleague

**Joint Targeted Area Inspection**

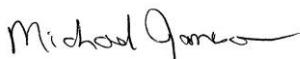
As I am sure you are aware from the education and other press, at the start of 2016, Ofsted announced a new programme of inspection called Joint Area Targeted Inspection (JTAI). These inspections are undertaken by Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission (CQC), Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMI Probation). They are area wide, cross agency inspections of the work with vulnerable young people. They include a "Deep Dive" theme, and for 2016 these themes are children missing and Child Sexual Exploitation. The inspection will come with five days notice and run over three weeks. A number of authorities have already been inspected, including South Tyneside, Milton Keynes and Oxfordshire.

As you would expect a significant amount of work has gone into ensuring "JTAI readiness" in Bradford. Schools are a critical part of the jigsaw around vulnerable young people in the District and are integral to the way in which we keep children safe and I wanted you to be aware of the possibility of inspection, and to thank you in advance for your support if the inspectors arrive and wish to come into school to talk to you and your senior leaders, staff who deal with safeguarding issues and possibly children and young people.

In addition, we have prepared a simple briefing note on where we are up to as a District in terms of our early help and social care front door processes. We have some exciting plans in place through Journey to Excellence for a new approach to Early Help which we are currently piloting, but at present the existing system remains in place, and we want all staff who work with children and particularly those involved in safeguarding to be clear about this. I would be very grateful if you could bring this briefing to the attention of your key staff.

If we receive notification of an inspection (which can happen on any Tuesday) we will ensure that you are informed. We will be putting additional information about the JTAI on Bradford Schools on Line (BSO)

Yours sincerely



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