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- The final programmes of study for computing for Key Stages 1-4 were published in September 2013. Maintained schools in England are legally required to follow this statutory national curriculum from September 2014.
- The national curriculum sets out in programmes of study, on the basis of key stages, subject content for those subjects that should be taught to all pupils.
- Every state-funded school must offer a curriculum which is balanced and broadly based and which promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society, and prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

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Computing

- The school curriculum comprises all learning and other experiences that each school plans for its pupils. The national curriculum forms one part of the school curriculum. Inspectors see a range of curricula across maintained schools, academies and free schools. Schools develop their own curriculum to respond to the particular needs of their pupils and ensure they receive a broad and balanced education. However, a school's curriculum must comply with the legislation to give pupils the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects.
- Academies are also required to offer a broad and balanced curriculum in accordance with Section 1 of the 2010 Academies Act.
- All schools must publish their school curriculum by subject and academic year online; there is a legal requirement to make curriculum information available on a school's website.

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Computing



The computing curriculum can be considered as built from three strands:

- **Computer science:** the scientific and practical study of computation; what can be computed, how to compute it, and how computation may be applied to the solution of problems.
- **Information technology:** concerned with how computers and telecommunications equipment work, and how they may be applied to the storage, retrieval, transmission and manipulation of data.
- **Digital literacy:** the ability to effectively, responsibly, safely and critically navigate, evaluate and create digital artefacts using a range of digital technologies.



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Evaluating the curriculum (extract)



The School inspection handbook (paragraph 152) states that inspectors should consider how well leadership and management ensure that the curriculum:

- is broad and balanced, complies with legislation and provides a wide range of subjects, preparing pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life in modern Britain; inspectors should not expect to see a particular range of subjects but should be alert to any unexplained narrowness in the breadth of curriculum being offered by the school
- promotes high levels of achievement and good behaviour
- links to the school's system of assessment and that together they set out what pupils are expected to know, understand and do, and when
- is effectively planned and taught



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Evaluating the curriculum (extract)

- is based at Key Stage 4 on a balance between academic and vocational courses that is appropriate for the pupils
- information about what is taught in the curriculum each year is shared with parents and carers, including by meeting the statutory requirement to make curriculum information available on the school's website
- does not compromise pupils' achievement, success or progression by inappropriate early or multiple entry to public examinations
- fully meets the requirements of the 16–19 study programmes and takes account of course completion rates and the needs of learners.

Inspectors will be aware that, for example, a Year 7 teacher cannot currently assume that pupils have covered the full KS1 and KS2 computing programmes of study.

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Evaluating achievement (extract)

Achievement is **outstanding** when

- Pupils make substantial and sustained progress throughout year groups across many subjects, including English and mathematics, and learn exceptionally well.
- The attainment and progress of disadvantaged pupils at least match or are rapidly approaching those of other pupils nationally and in the school.
- Pupils acquire knowledge and develop and apply a wide range of skills to great effect in reading, writing, communication and mathematics. They are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in their education, training or employment.
- Pupils, including those in the sixth form and those in the Early Years Foundation Stage, acquire knowledge quickly and develop their understanding rapidly in a wide range of different subjects across the curriculum.

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Evaluating achievement (extract)

Achievement is **outstanding** when

- The learning of groups of pupils, particularly those who are disabled, those who have special educational needs, disadvantaged pupils and the most able, is consistently good or better.
- The standards of attainment of almost all groups of pupils are likely to be at least in line with national averages with many pupils attaining above this. In exceptional circumstances, an outstanding grade can be awarded where standards of attainment of any group of pupils are below those of all pupils nationally, but the gap is closing rapidly, as shown by trends in a range of attainment indicators. This may include attainment in reading.



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Evaluating quality of teaching (extract)

The quality of teaching is **outstanding** when

- Much teaching over time in all key stages and most subjects is outstanding and never less than consistently good. As a result, almost all pupils currently on roll in the school, including disabled pupils, those who have special educational needs, disadvantaged pupils and the most able, are making sustained progress that leads to outstanding achievement.
- All teachers have consistently high expectations of all pupils. They plan and teach lessons that enable pupils to learn exceptionally well across the curriculum.
- Teachers systematically and effectively check pupils' understanding throughout lessons, anticipating where they may need to intervene and doing so with notable impact on the quality of learning.



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Evaluating quality of teaching (extract)

The quality of teaching is **outstanding** when

- Teachers and other adults authoritatively impart knowledge to ensure that pupils are engaged in learning and generate high levels of commitment to learning across the school.
- Consistently high quality marking and constructive feedback from teachers ensure that pupils make significant and sustained gains in their learning.
- Teachers use well-judged teaching strategies, including setting appropriate homework that, together with clearly directed and timely support and intervention, match pupils' needs accurately.



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Assessment and reporting

As now, inspectors will use a range of evidence to make judgements, including by looking at test results, pupils' work and pupils' own perceptions of their learning. Inspectors will not expect to see a particular assessment system in place and will recognise that schools are still working towards full implementation of their preferred approach.

Inspectors should evaluate how well leaders use formative and summative assessment to ensure that pupils, teachers and parents know if pupils are achieving the expected standard or if they need to catch up. Inspectors should consider how well:

- assessment information, including test results, is used by leaders and governors to improve teaching and the curriculum
- leaders ensure the accuracy of assessment through internal and external standardisation and moderation



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Assessment and reporting

- schools adopt the best practice of working together to moderate assessment for year groups and the end of key stages, and come to a common understanding of attainment and share records at points of transfer.

In evaluating the effectiveness of reporting on pupils' progress and achievements, inspectors will assess the way the school reports on the progress and attainment of pupils to parents and carers. Inspectors will consider whether reports help parents to understand how well their children are doing in relation to any standards expected and how they can improve.



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Inspecting e-safety in schools

The January 2015 School inspection handbook contains the following text:

The behaviour and safety of pupils at the school

Inspectors should consider (paragraph 174 extract):

- types, rates and patterns of bullying and the effectiveness of the school's actions to prevent and tackle all forms of bullying and harassment; this includes **cyber-bullying** and prejudice-based bullying related to special educational need, sex, race, religion and belief, disability, sexual orientation or gender reassignment
- the success in keeping pupils safe, whether within school or during external activities through, for instance, effective risk assessments, **e-safety** arrangements and action taken following any serious safeguarding incident.

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Inspecting e-safety in schools

The grade descriptor for **outstanding** includes:

- Pupils are fully aware of different forms of bullying, including **cyber-bullying** and prejudice-based bullying, and actively try to prevent it from occurring. Bullying and derogatory or aggressive language in all their forms are rare and dealt with highly effectively.
- All groups of pupils are safe and feel safe at school and at alternative provision placements at all times. They understand very clearly what constitutes unsafe situations and are highly aware of how to keep themselves and others safe in different situations, including in relation to **e-safety**.

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Inspecting e-safety in schools

The January 2015 School inspection handbook contains the following text:

The quality of leadership in, and management of, the school

Inspectors should consider the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements to ensure that there is safe recruitment and that all pupils are safe (paragraph 157). This includes the:

- effectiveness of the arrangements for safeguarding pupils who are educated wholly or partly off-site at a unit run by the school or at alternative provision
- approach to keeping pupils safe from the dangers of radicalisation and extremism, and what is done when it is suspected that pupils are vulnerable to these
- promotion of safe practices and a culture of safety, including **e-safety**.

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Statutory duty and leadership

'The **governing body** of a maintained school shall make arrangements for ensuring that their functions relating to the conduct of the school are exercised with a view to **safeguarding** and **promoting the welfare** of children who are pupils at the school.'

section 175 Education Act 2002

The leadership and management of the school are likely to be judged to be **inadequate** if the school's arrangements for safeguarding pupils do not meet statutory requirements and give serious cause for concern, or insufficient action has been taken to remedy weaknesses following a serious incident.

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Inspecting e-safety in schools



In the context of an inspection, e-safety may be described as the school's ability to:

- protect and educate pupils and staff in their use of technology
- have the appropriate mechanisms to intervene and support any incident where appropriate.

The breadth of issues classified within e-safety is considerable, but can be categorised into three areas of risk. Common risks inspectors are likely to encounter include:



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Content



- exposure to inappropriate content, including online pornography; ignoring age ratings in games (exposure to violence, often associated with racist language); substance abuse and 'revenge porn'
- lifestyle websites, for example pro-anorexia, self-harm or suicide sites
- hate sites
- content validation: how to check authenticity and accuracy of online content.



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Contact

- grooming
- cyber-bullying in all forms
- identity theft (including 'frape' (hacking Facebook profiles)) and sharing passwords.

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Conduct

- privacy issues, including disclosure of personal information
- digital footprint and online reputation
- health and well-being (amount of time spent online (internet or gaming))
- sexting (sending and receiving of personally intimate images) also referred to as SGII (self-generated indecent images)
- copyright (little care or consideration for intellectual property and ownership – such as music and film).

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Key features of effective practice

Whole school consistent approach:

- All teaching and non-teaching staff can recognise and are aware of e-safety issues.
- High quality leadership and management make e-safety a priority across all areas of the school (the school may also have achieved a recognised standard, for example the e-safety mark).
- A high priority given to training in e-safety, extending expertise widely and building internal capacity.
- The contribution of pupils, parents and the wider school community is valued and integrated.



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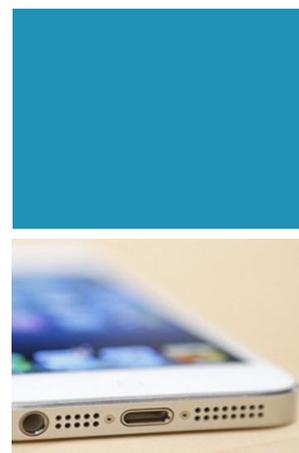
Key features of effective practice

Robust and integrated reporting routines:

- School-based reporting routes that are clearly understood and used by the whole school, for example online anonymous reporting systems.
- Report Abuse buttons, for example CEOP. Clear, signposted and respected routes to key members of staff. Effective use of peer mentoring and support.

Staff:

- All teaching and non-teaching staff receive regular and up-to-date training.
- One or more members of staff have a higher level of expertise and clearly defined responsibilities.

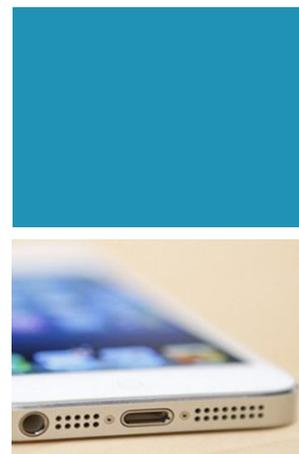


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Key features of effective practice

Policies:

- Rigorous e-safety policies and procedures are in place, written in plain English, contributed to by the whole school, updated regularly and ratified by governors.
- The e-safety policy could be integrated with other relevant policies such as behaviour, safeguarding and anti-bullying.
- The e-safety policy should incorporate an Acceptable Usage Policy that is understood and respected by pupils, staff and parents.



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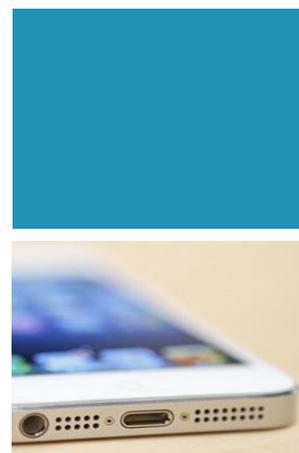
Key features of effective practice

Education:

- An age-appropriate e-safety curriculum that is flexible, relevant and engages pupils' interest; that is used to promote e-safety through teaching pupils how to stay safe, how to protect themselves from harm and how to take responsibility for their own and others' safety.
- Positive rewards are used to cultivate positive and responsible use.
- Peer mentoring programmes.

Infrastructure:

- Recognised Internet Service Provider (ISP) or Regional Broadband Consortium (RBC) together with age-related filtering that is actively monitored.



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Key features of effective practice

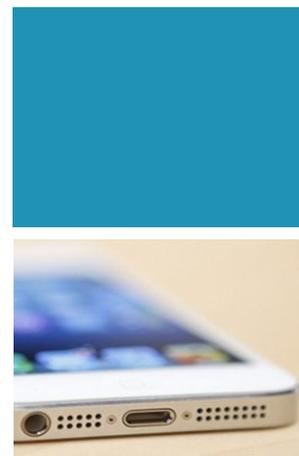
Monitoring and evaluation:

- Risk assessment taken seriously and used to good effect in promoting e-safety.
- Using data effectively to assess the impact of e-safety practice and how this informs strategy.

Management of personal data:

- The impact level of personal data is understood and data is managed securely and in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998.
- Any professional communications that utilise technology between the school and pupils/students, their families or external agencies should take place within clear and explicit professional boundaries, be transparent and open to scrutiny, and not share any personal information with a pupil.

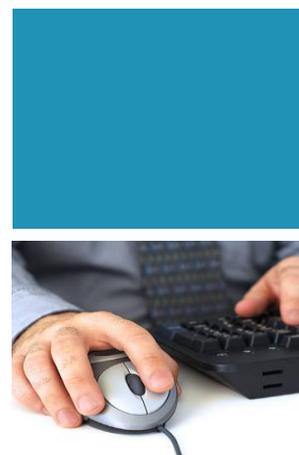
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Indicators of ineffective practice

- Personal data is often unsecured and/or leaves school site without encryption.
- Security of passwords is ineffective, for example passwords are shared or common with all but the youngest children.
- Policies are generic and not updated.
- There is no progressive, planned e-safety education across the curriculum, for example there is only an assembly held annually.
- There is no internet filtering or monitoring.
- There is no evidence of staff training.
- Children are not aware of how to report a problem.

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E-safety issues also affect adults



MyEx.com, a 'Revenge Porn' site has already had hundreds of UK victims in 2014. It links with other social media sites (eg LinkedIn, Facebook) and will not remove any posts. Complaints are redirected to an 'independent' reputation management site which charges \$500 for removal.

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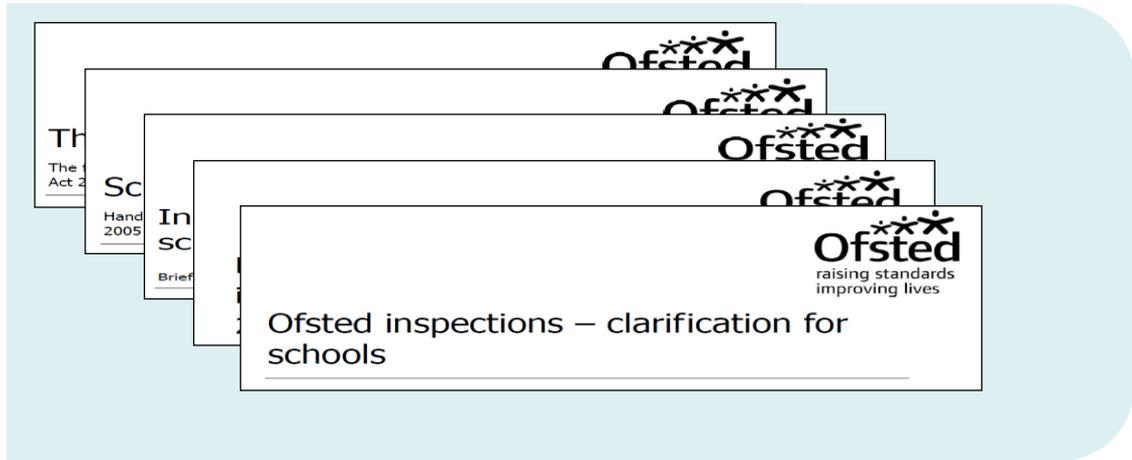
And finally

- E-safety is now considered in the inspection of all education remits including the early years sector, further education and skills, and initial teacher education.
- A new Common Inspection Framework will be published, along with supporting inspection handbooks for each education remit, in June; these documents will be used on all inspections from September 2015.
- Social care inspectors consider e-safety in the inspection of these remits, including in boarding and residential provision in schools and colleges, children's homes and adoption and fostering services and agencies.

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Essential background reading



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Shaping future inspection

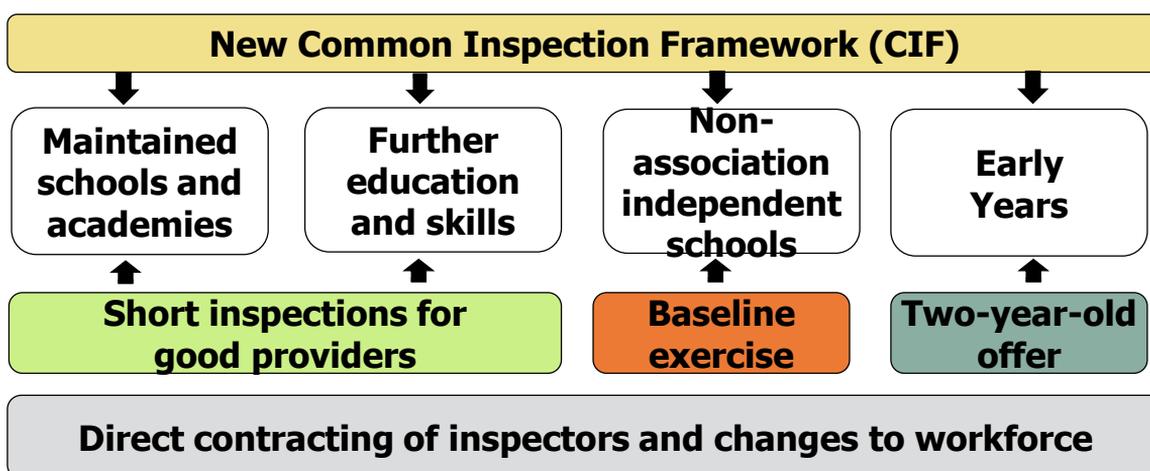


Principles of inspection reform

- Inspect the right things in the right way.
- Provide comparable and accurate information for parents, carers, learners and employers to inform their choices.
- Deliver timely inspections where there are signs of decline or improvement.
- Have a proportionate approach to inspections.
- Ensure rigorous quality of all inspections.

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'Better inspection for all' consultation



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'Better inspection for all' consultation



- **Very large response:**
 - 4,400 through the online consultation
 - 330 attendees at regional events
 - 115 parents and 180 pupils at focus groups.
- **Responses highly positive** – our proposals supported by all groups.
- **Short inspection pilots** – to test the methodology. Positive feedback. More pilots taking place.
- **Taking on board** – views from the consultation and feedback from the pilots.

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New Common Inspection Framework



- for schools, non-association independent schools, further education and skills providers and registered early years providers.
- under it – four graded judgements across all remits.
 - leadership and management;
 - teaching, learning and assessment;
 - personal development, behaviour and welfare;
 - outcomes for children and learners.
 and greater emphasis on safeguarding and curriculum.

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- will provide greater clarity, coherence and comparability

Short inspections for good providers



Frequent, shorter inspections for good schools, academies and further education and skills providers – approximately every three years.

- More proportionate: the right sort of inspections at the right time.
- Designed to check if the quality of provision is being sustained, and leaders have the capacity to drive improvement.
- Help support rising standards with greater professional dialogue.
- Regular reporting to parents, carers, learners and employers.
- Identify decline early and give schools and providers opportunity to demonstrate improvement sooner.

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Changes to the way we work



To prepare for September, we are:

- making significant changes in how we source, train, contract and manage all inspectors who deliver schools and FES inspections.
 - tightening up selection criteria that all inspectors have to meet
 - developing structures for closer working relationships between:
 - contracted Ofsted Inspectors (OI)
 - Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI)
 - Senior HMI
- to share knowledge and experience of inspections.

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Commitment to quality and consistency

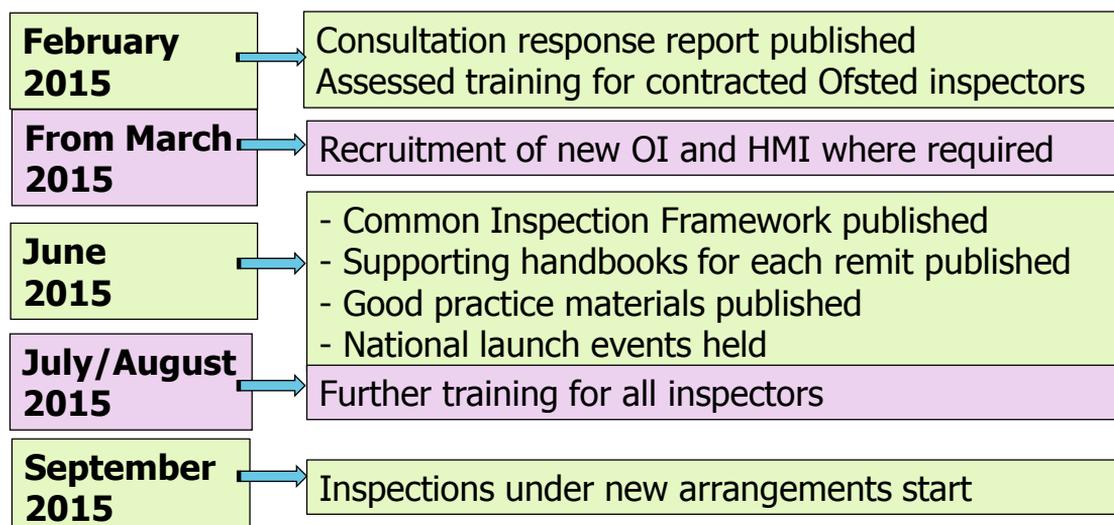


From September, we will :

- expect a higher standard of inspections and consistency among inspectors when making judgements
- place more emphasis on directly providing high-quality ongoing training, mentoring and development for all inspectors
- quickly and fairly address underperformance, putting in place training where needed or terminating contracts where performance does not improve
- invest significant time to oversee quality and consistency in regions to ensure all providers have a positive experience of inspection.

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Preparing for inspection – next steps



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Let's work together to raise standards and improve lives



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- The consultation response report is available at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/better-inspection-for-all>

This September, we'll all have to be ready for inspection.

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