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The role of local self evaluation

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Knowing your place

- Self Evaluation - A Verb Not a Noun
- Assessing how to get from A to B means:
  - Getting underneath the data/dealing with ambiguity
  - Understanding and building relationship capacity

Inspectorate View of Self Evaluation

- Not a formal requirement
- Will make optimum use of self evaluation
- Will not repeat the work already carried out by the partnership
- Needs to be based on robust evidence

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Self Assessment – under CPA?

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Self Evaluation under CAA

- For the partnership's own improvement
- Gap analysis of the challenges
- Robust data
- Commitment from Inspectorates for IDeA/LGA approach to self evaluation
- Result in proportionate inspection?

Two Phases of Trials

- Incredible interest
- Two tiers – Buckinghamshire, Hambleton, Malvern Hills, Suffolk
- Single tier – Barking and Dagenham, Enfield, Richmond, Rotherham, Salford, St Helens, Stockport, Sunderland, Trafford, Wirral

3 Issues Covered

- Understanding local needs and translation into local priorities
- The delivery of improvements and outcomes in the area
- Gap analysis and planning for the future

Prompts for each heading too

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How they did it

- Ridiculous timescales!
- Use and refer to existing information
- Sign up and sign off at LSP including political leadership
- Partnership round tables and workshops

Learning

- Different outputs
- LAA important but agreed local priorities vital
- Focus on outcomes – how are we doing?
- Question 3 is most important and most difficult - gaps? plans?
- Shared ownership of performance management framework

Learning continued

- All are seeing it as ongoing process – verb not noun
- Build it into partnership performance management cycle – annual partnership stock take?
- The more self challenging they were, the better the result

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Role of Peer Challenge

- Already a well known and supported approach
- Can provide a reality check in terms of:
  - Being sufficiently self challenging
  - Based on robust evidence

Further information

- www.idea.gov.uk/caa

  self evaluation guidance, members guide, other guidance
- Policy and Performance Community of Practice
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