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Comprehensive Area Assessment

Understanding how the work of LSPs will be assessed

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CAA reflects the public service challenge…

CPA	CAA
Local government focus	All sectors and partners
Institution based	Area based
One size fits all	Focus on local priorities
Processes and Performance	Outcomes and perceptions
Collaboration between inspectorates	Joint assessment
Cyclical inspection	Proportionate, coordinated and risk based inspection
Providing national assurance	Supports local accountability as well as providing national assurance
Reporting past performance	More forward looking

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CAA is made up of two elements…

Area assessment

– how well are you serving your place?

- what are the prospects for better outcomes?

Assessments of local public bodies

Council(s) PCT(s) Police Fire & Rescue

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It will focus on locally-relevant outcomes and prospects for improvement

For example:

- Tackling the local impact of the recession
- Improving the perception and reality of safety
- Reducing CO_2 emissions
- Meeting the needs of an ageing local population
- Reducing health inequalities

… and how effectively partners are working together to improve these outcomes

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Findings will be made accessible for local people

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Don’t prepare for CAA – focus on improvement

- Read our recent study on LSPs “Working better together” and the associated improvement tools: www.improvementnetwork.gov.uk
- Understand the impact the LSP is having, and don’t avoid the difficult issues
- Relationships and trust matter more than structures