

Getting to Good & Inspection Readiness

> 6-Month Forward Plan

October 2021

6-MONTH PLAN OF INSPECTION READINESS ACTIVITY

<u>Context</u>: Feedback following the September 2021 Monitoring Visit (MV) showed how the activity in the 3-4 weeks leading up to the visit from the Getting to Good group and the Inspection Leads helped best prepare us for Ofsted.

We currently expect our next 'visit' from Ofsted to be a full ILACS inspection – we will have very little notice before the inspection starts and it will not be possible to have the same level of preparation activity with all of children's services.

The intention is to use the next 6-months to support all of children's services to prepare for an Ofsted inspection – learning from what worked well this autumn.

This Inspection Readiness activity will include:

Getting to Good meetings

- Meetings focused on individual service(s)
- Service Managers, partners, managers invited (where needed)

Preparing Teams for Ofsted

- Led by QA: Inspection Leads team and APS Leads
- Attending Team and Service meetings to discuss 'what to expect' during an ILACS inspection, general expectations of a practitioner or manager, Ofsted behaviour 'dos and don'ts'.
- Service specific expectations Open-table discussion: 'what might Ofsted ask us about our service or the children we support?

Preparing Support & Guidance Materials

- Reminder / sign-posting guides for practitioners to 'useful links', key policies & procedures, ILACS framework guidance and relevant operational / strategy documents.
- Short videos for staff Hints & tips, advice from colleagues

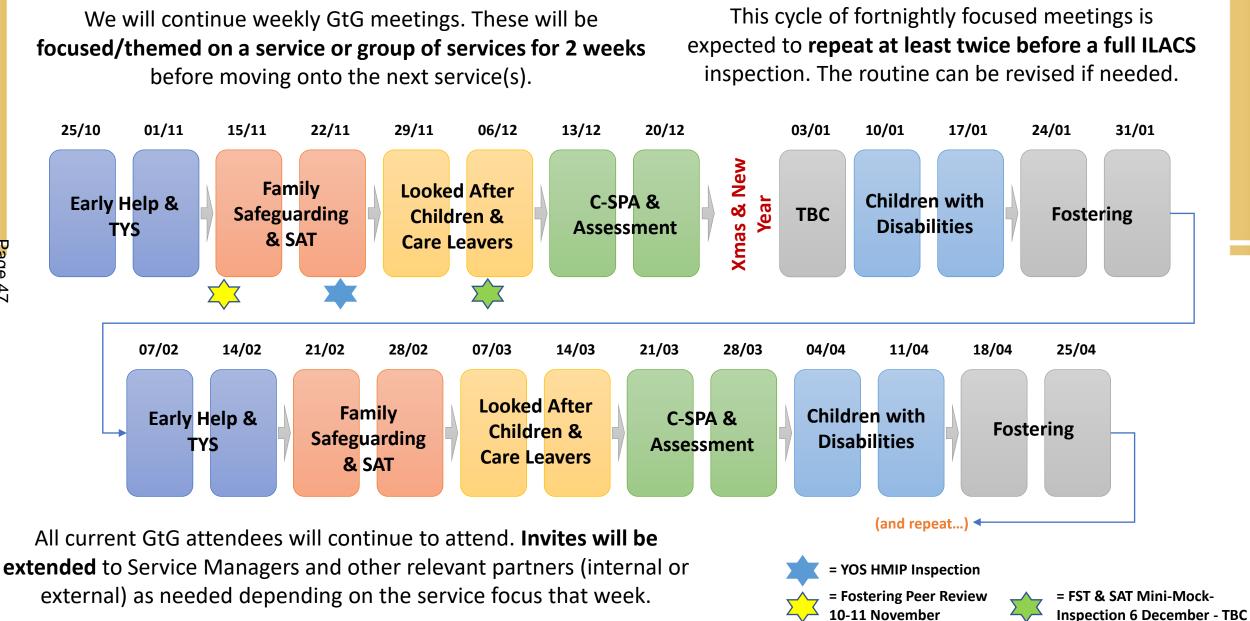
Improvements & Action Plans

• Ongoing improvement work but with a greater focus on timescales and ensuring priority actions are delivered (and embedded) prior to an inspection.

Mini-Mock Inspections

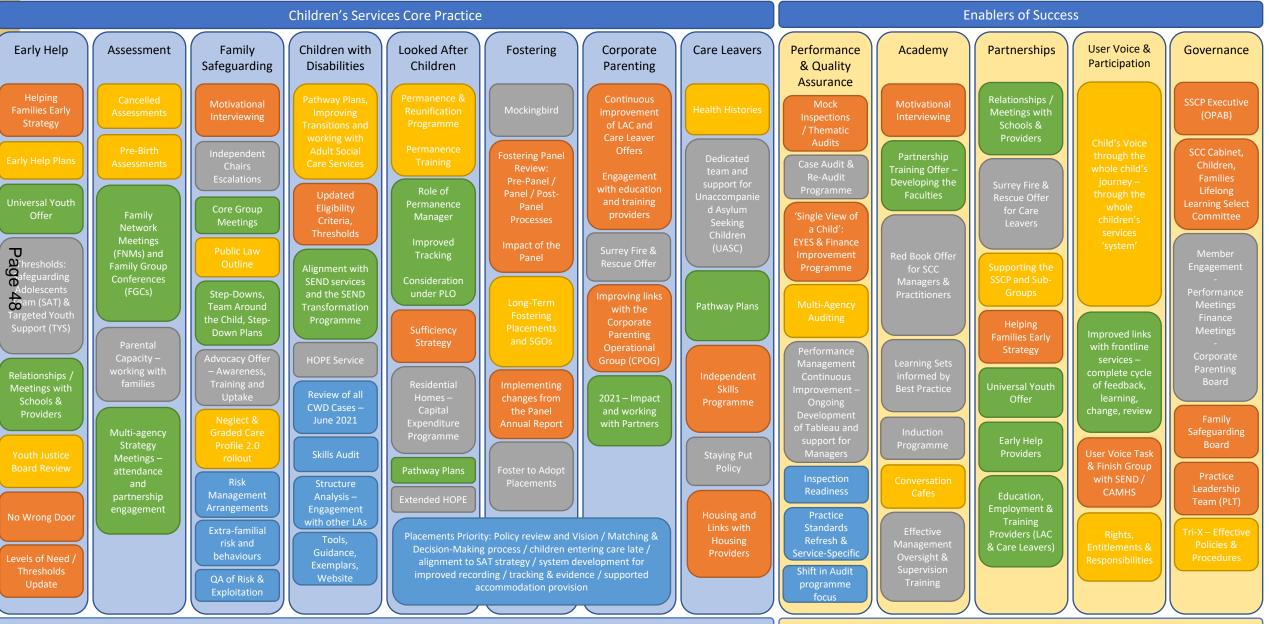
• Aiming to deliver

GETTING TO GOOD MEETING CYCLE



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Iterative Getting to Good Plan – Respond to Internal & External Factors as Required

Workforce: Recruitment & Retention Programme