



Joint Area Review CYPS Service Managers Briefing No 2

- Q When is a .org not a .org?
A When it's a .jar (boom boom)

Apologies over the confusion about the website. The website address is www.devonjar.org.uk and the contact e-mail address is jar.team@devon.gov.uk

There's been a great deal of activity following the briefing conference on February 3 and the following tasks have been achieved:

- Comment on selection of schools for the Tellus Survey which will involve 600 young people but will be conducted between Ofsted and the schools
- Return of choice of three neighbourhoods for the in-depth study in June
- Return of choice of 100 case files - 10 will be selected for detailed follow-up

The current focus of activity is ensuring we have 72 documents on the list ready for sorting and have completed our self-assessment for the return date of May 8. This will dominate March.

There will be a set-up meeting with the inspectors in the afternoon of April 3. That's the same day as the launch of CYPS in the morning – but as Anne will be at both it must be achievable. And on April 4, there will be a self-assessment validation with other agencies. Remember, the JAR is about:

- All children
- All services
- All agencies

We need to agree on how we are doing.

There are some important things you can undertake with staff groups:

1. Ensure everyone knows what the JAR is and how important it is to the CPA. We all want to be working for a Four Star authority.
2. Help everyone to understand the impact of outcomes for young people. Any one of them might be asked.
3. Have case files and any contributory data in good order. Inspectors will be analysing data from May 22 to 26. For any child and family selected they may call in any data from any service or agency.
4. Consider whether there are good examples of work to showcase – this could be because problems have been addressed and challenges overcome – as the inspectors will be amenable to suggestions as to what we would like them to see (programme permitting).
5. Please use the JAR email address: jar.team@devon.gov.uk for all email correspondence.

Clarification of the roles of the JAR team was a question received:

Geoff Evans: Team Leader

Julie Mitchell: Business Manager

David Sullivan &

Tim Leishman: Analysts

Andy Wood: Administration

Maddie Goddard: Document preparation

We also have more details of the Inspection team: there will be 8 inspectors, led by Lisa Williams. The Youth Service is also being inspected separately: the outcomes also affect the CPA.

SMT is optimistic that although the JAR will clearly take a lot of everyone's time, it can be harnessed as good opportunity to look at work streams and functions and help us to build a strong CYPS Directorate.

Please do get into the habit of looking at the website where a lot of useful information will be posted. It's www.devonjar.org.uk

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