

### **What has happened since HMIC reported, and when are they re-inspecting?**

HMIC will return towards the Autumn. They will test our effectiveness using the same methodology as before against a set of cases. These will include missing children, Indecent Images of Children and CSE.

### **What are the main changes underway in the Met to improve?**

- Formation of the child Safeguarding Delivery Group (CSDG)
- Imminent launch of a staff survey on child protection to inform an MPS-wide training and a communications strategy
- Ongoing PDD inputs
- A continuing central audit function to assess live cases against the HMIC criteria
- Clarity and guidance on Jigsaw processes including the revised approach to visits and the role of DWOs. Four workshops planned for February
- More Met-driven intelligence products on child protection. LITs feeding issues direct to Pacesetter meetings
- Re-launch of CSE strategy and other child protection guidance
- The commissioning of a full end-to-end review of children coming to notice in the Met. We need to understand demand, expose inefficient practices and create opportunities for streamlining work and reassessing thresholds. Why are so many police notifications to partners resulting in NFA?

### **How will the Met continue to audit child protection procedures?**

It is unlikely the central audit function will be able to assess enough cases to provide assurance. A local BOCU/BCU QA function is likely to be recommended by the CSDG. Boroughs will be asked to assess or peer review against a set of standards based on HMIC thresholds.

### **What do Borough Commanders need to focus on with immediate effect?**

- Creating a culture where child protection is the concern of all staff
- Embedding child protection issues into Pacesetter/TTTCG and SLT meetings
- The quality, timeliness and effectiveness of CSE Level 1 investigations
- The effectiveness of investigations and safeguarding plans for all CRISs involving Indecent images of children (IIOC)
- *Missing* investigations and the quality of safeguarding plans.
- PPD/MASH workflow and backlogs
- Encourage completion of the staff survey
- Readiness for the new Jigsaw frameworks
- Give their Child Protection Champions (currently being identified) capacity and support to oversee delivery of multiple strands of improvement work over the forthcoming period.