

# The ten principles

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The ten principles provide a key point of reference to inform the development of any new approaches to inspection or review. They are:

**Independence,  
impartiality and  
accountability**

**Improvement and  
capacity building**

**Building on self-  
evaluation**

**Equality and diversity**

**Having all  
learners or  
users at the  
heart of  
inspection and  
review**

**Observing practice and  
experiences directly:  
focusing on outcome  
and impact**

**Best value**

**Transparency and  
mutual respect**

**Proportionality, responsiveness and  
assessment of risk**

**Working in partnership with users of  
our services and other providers/  
scrutiny bodies**