

Briefing note to share with CLD partners

A team of HM Inspectors will be visiting your local authority area to undertake a CLD Progress Visit (PV) within the next few weeks. All local authorities will be visited over the coming year. During these visits, HM Inspectors will evaluate the progress local authorities and their CLD partners are making towards improving the quality of provision. As with previous inspection models, the starting point will be the CLD plan and the local authority and CLD partners' self-evaluation. The PV will last for three days, normally Monday to Wednesday. A timetable for the three days will be agreed with the lead officer from the local authority who will discuss your role in the visit.

We hope that this briefing will be helpful in relation to your role in the Progress Visit.

During the PV we will focus on the following two high-level questions:

- How effective is the leadership of the local authority and their CLD partners in improving outcomes?
- How well does the performance of the local authority and their CLD partners demonstrate positive impact?

In order to answer these questions, HM Inspectors will undertake a programme of activities including:

- review of key documentation and performance data;
- professional dialogue with local authority CLD leaders, managers, staff, and volunteers;
- professional dialogue with key CLD partners;
- focus group discussions with learners and community representatives; and
- a focused discussion on safeguarding.

HM Inspectors will identify what is working well, what needs to improve, and any next steps that may be required to secure improvement.

Following the PV, HM Inspectors will produce a written report summarising the visit findings and outcomes. The report will highlight areas of strength and any aspects for development.

Further information can be found on the Education Scotland [website](#).