

# WHAT CAA MEANS FOR EDUCATION PROVIDERS

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CAA requires a new way of monitoring and reporting performance. This approach requires the Audit Commission, the Commission for Social Care Inspection, Healthcare Commission, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, HM Inspectorate of Prisons, HM Inspectorate of Probation and Ofsted to work together. Each of these inspectorates was commissioned by their respective Ministers to collectively develop CAA.

Inspection and regulation of institutions providing some direct services will continue after 1 April 2009. Ofsted will continue to inspect early years settings, schools, colleges and children's homes. Findings from these inspections will be reflected as appropriate in the area assessment and the organisational assessment.

Ofsted published a consultation document in September 2008 seeking views on proposals for assessing children's services, including education, as well as their inspection of services for children in care and safeguarding as part of CAA. Ofsted will publish a report on the responses to this consultation on its website during January 2009.

## **What does it mean for Education Providers?**

CAA provides a mechanism to ensure that the needs of the local population are met through agencies working closely together to deliver improved outcomes. CAA will act as a catalyst for public bodies and agencies to deliver better outcomes for local people and better value for public money.

Further details about the CAA can be found at:

- Audit Commission: <http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/caa/>
- Ofsted: <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Consultations/Comprehensive-area-assessment-proposals-for-assessing-local-authority-services-for-children-and-young-people>