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Self-evaluation of social work practice

- What do you know about the quality and impact of social work practice in your local authority?
- How do you know it?
- What are your plans for the next 12 months to maintain or improve practice?

ILACS reports

- *Senior leaders are effective at recognising service areas that require improvement. A detailed and clear self-evaluation accurately identifies strengths and most areas for improvement. Leaders respond well to new challenges and demands.*
- *The senior management team has a clear understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of frontline practice; they understand the scale of the challenges they face. The local authority knows itself well and had already recognised most of the strengths and areas for improvement identified by inspectors during this inspection.*

Neglect JTAI key findings

- Neglect sometimes goes unseen;
- Work with their parents to address the neglect does not always happen;
- Most adult services are not effective in identifying this neglect
- Behaviour gets in the way of seeing and responding to trauma; and
- As ever, tackling this requires a co-ordinated strategic approach across all agencies

Questions and discussion time

