



SICI Presentation

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'The impact of inspection on school improvement, the quality of teaching and the performance of children.'

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Population: 371, 000

Number of pupils: 41,155

Schools: 162

Teachers: 3,498

Spend on Education: £338m

School inspections: (August 2017 – June 2018) - 12 school inspections



Introduction

Question:

Does inspection have an impact?

Answer:

Yes, generally speaking it does.

Question:

If so, what do we know about 'the impact'?

Answer:

Much depends on a number of variables



Two different contexts:

Category 1:

Schools which are already performing well **before** they are inspected

Category 2

Schools which are **NOT in a good place** when they are inspected

(a) schools with a new Headteacher and/or Senior Leadership Team

(b) schools with a more established (and less effective) Headteacher and/or Senior Leadership Team



Question:

How do we know the level of impact inspection has, rather than the impact that we (as an Education Authority) or the school itself is having?

Question:

Is the impact of inspection sustainable?

Question:

Are there certain conditions that 'help' an inspection ensure greatest impact?

Question:

Are there certain conditions in which inspection **doesn't** have a great impact?





Question:

What **RISKS** or **CHALLENGES** do we face with regard to the inspection process?

Conclusion

Thank You