

Inspection of Probation and Offender Services in Northern Ireland.

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Summary This article outlines a brief history of inspection of probation and allied services in Northern Ireland, and sets out the current features of inspection as undertaken by the Social Services Inspectorate. It goes on to discuss imminent changes to the inspection of these services within the remit of the new Criminal Justice Inspectorate (CJI). The intention is to inform readers about the inspection process, and outline how inspection can be a positive exercise which adds value to professional practice. The article also examines some implications of establishing the CJI, and highlights anticipated benefits that should flow from the new arrangements.