

# Children Services – London Context

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# What does this tell us about quality of children's services in London?

- No longer highest performing region for social care
- LAs in intervention all relatively recent and some unexpected
- However, for the most part there was some knowledge about failure and action being taken to address this
- Action judged to be overly process driven and slow by Ofsted
- Casework, supervision, staff turnover features (although staffing issues London wide and not particularly worse in inadequate rated authorities)
- Several LAs have continued to 'require improvement'

# Some shared features of good authorities

- Stable and strong and relentless management and leadership
- All or most children receive a good service (and some outstanding)
- Good self knowledge
- Workforce strategy – training, caseloads, supervision
- Political leadership
- Partner engagement