

NLGN Research Seminar

The Future of Assessment



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Outline

1. New challenges
2. A new model of accountability
3. A fit for purpose assessment regime?



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Some of the key challenges...

- **Reinvigorating democracy** - whilst dealing with the difficult fiscal choices ahead
- **Building social capital** – enabling communities to do more for themselves and each other
- **Delivering Total Place** – getting more from every public penny, employee and asset
- **From cure to prevention** - shifting diminishing resources ‘upstream’



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...and some more specific ones...

- Dealing with the **pension and social care 'time bombs'**
- Finding new finance models for the next generation of **public housing**
- From jobs to employability – creating a sustainable solution to **worklessness & the low skill sector**
- Developing a **new social contract** – more emphasis on responsibilities (for self and others)



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A new model of accountability?

“a mutual and equal partnership of trust and collaboration”

Greater than the sum of its parts – NLGN, March 2010

- **LAA3?** - central/local performance ‘contracts’ – funding for outcomes
- **Accountability matches responsibility** - with greater devolution to locally elected councillors
- **Accountable outwards not upwards** – direct to citizens wherever possible



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Fit for purpose assessment – ‘Inspection lite’

- One ‘umbrella’ inspection body
- High risk/high impact inspections only – e.g. finance, vulnerable people
- Low cost/low burden
- Peer to peer – sector-led performance management, improvement, innovation and guardianship



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