

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL INDICATOR SET TECHNICAL HANDBOOK - RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

**Name and address of responding organisation:
Devon County Council**

Is this your organisation's official response to the consultation? Yes

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National Indicator Number:

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Please complete a separate form for each indicator on which you wish to respond

Indicator Issue	
1. Is the Technical Definition of this indicator clear?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If NO a. What aspects of the technical definition of the indicator are unclear? Please specify clearly - is it in relation to the measurement method, or - on reporting b. Please suggest how the template can be clarified/improved.	
2. Does the Technical Definition for this indicator have any unintended consequences?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES a. What are the unintended consequences on this national indicator? b. Can the unintended consequence be avoided? If so, how?	By broadening the scope to physical activity rather than just sport - the Active People survey measures a specific range of sports activities and discounts many areas of activity which provide health benefits. For example, the definition of sport used in the active people survey precludes

	many forms of dance which achieve health related outcomes in the same way as sport, and excludes some forms of active travel, based on purpose.
3. Will the Technical Definitions for this indicator work in practice?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If NO a. Why would this technical definition not work in practice?	
4. Is this indicator defined at the right spatial level?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
a) If not, what level should it be defined at? (including whether information is already gathered and/or reported at that level and if so where, if not, estimated cost of collecting and reporting it)	However where local authorities such as DCC are not direct providers of measured sports opportunities - difficulties in achieving targets except by "proxy"
5. Should data for this indicator be provided for any or all of the different equalities strands (please tick the relevant box)?	Ethnicity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sexual orientation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social class/income
a) For any boxes ticked at 5, is this information already gathered and/or reported and, if so, where? If not, what would be the estimated additional burden of collecting and reporting it?	Yes Active People survey gathers this info.

6. Further comments on the questions above and /or any other comments that are not covered above questions.

Need to ensure cross theme links with other relevant indicators are recognised and promoted

DCMS DSO Encourage more widespread enjoyment of culture and sport NI 8, NI 9, NI 10, NI 11

DCSF DSO Secure the well-being and health of children and young people NI 51, NI 55, NI 56,

NI 57, NI 58

NI 57 Children and young people's participation in high-quality PE and sport DCSF DSO

And cross cutting agendas - where sport plays a part in regeneration, economic development, skills development, community cohesion etc

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