

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

**Name and address of responding organisation:**

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**Is this your organisation's official response to the consultation? Y/N**

**Name and phone number of key contact in case of follow-up queries:**

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**National Indicator Number:**

123

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

Indicator Issue	
<b>1. Is the Technical Definition of this indicator clear?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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.	<b>The rationale is about the prevalence of smoking. The definition and formula appear to be solely about the cessation of smoking. The two are not necessarily the same, in fact the focus of efforts should arguably be upon preventing individuals from starting to smoke.</b>
<b>2. Does the Technical Definition for this indicator have any unintended consequences?</b>	Yes <input 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?	<b>Possible, see above</b>

<b>3. Will the Technical Definitions for this indicator work in practice?</b>	<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If NO a. Why would this technical definition not work in practice?	See above
<b>4. Is this indicator defined at the right spatial level?</b>	<b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <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)	.
<b>5. Should data for this indicator be provided for any or all of the different equalities strands (please tick the relevant box)?</b>	Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/> Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Religion <input type="checkbox"/> Age <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (Please specify)
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?	
<b>6. Further comments on the questions above and /or any other comments that are not covered above questions.</b>	
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