

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

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

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**National Indicator Number:**

**NI 125**

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

<b>Indicator Issue</b>	
<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>Definition of:</b> - <b>Intermediate care</b> - <b>Rehabilitation</b> - <b>Date of Discharge</b> - <b>3 months (i.e. is this in weeks / calendar days / working days)</b> - <b>Home is sometimes difficult to define given circumstances of the individuals concerned</b>
<b>2. Does the Technical Definition for this indicator have any unintended consequences?</b>	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	<b>There may be a tendency for authorities to avoid this measure by not stating on the care plan</b>

avoided? If so, how?	<b>that the intention is to provide intermediate care / rehabilitation to enable the service user to return home</b>
<b>3. Will the Technical Definitions for this indicator work in practice?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If NO a. Why would this technical definition not work in practice?	
<b>4. Is this indicator defined at the right spatial level?</b>	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)	But there may be some issues with acute hospitals covering multiple LA boundaries
<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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