

**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 136**

***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>	<b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <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.	
<b>2. Does the Technical Definition for this indicator have any unintended consequences?</b>	<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input checked="" 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>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?	There is significant risk of double counting due to the inability to identify individuals receiving grant funded services
<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>	
The introduction of an index of need into the calculation of this PI is welcomed. I am not sure I completely understand the formula, but I would question if "good performance" criteria being typified by a higher rate is always true as it must be possible for performance to be too high as well as too low.	

Due to the reasons specified in 3 above, it will be difficult to disaggregate data in some instances

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