

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? Y/N

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National Indicator Number:

**141-
150**

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.	This is a very broad area and needs a lot of thinking through though tl agree it is important
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?	potentially misses the bigger picture - see comments below
3. Will the Technical Definitions for this indicator work in practice?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If NO a. Why would this technical definition not work in practice?	As far as I can see but complex area - see also my commetns on indicis 1-4
4. Is this indicator defined at the right spatial level?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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)	?
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 <input checked="" 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?	
6. Further comments on the questions above and /or any other comments that are not covered above questions.	
This range of indicators is drawn from PSA 16 and aims to meet needs of those most at risk of exclsuion through the revolving door of instability especially of employment and housing. By taking each one as a separate indictator we may be in danger of losifng the bigger point that there are a relatively small number of very disadvantaged people costing us a lot in money and community unrest who need a focused effort - by splittign them into	

separate groups we might miss this.

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