

**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 146**

***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?	

<p><b>3. Will the Technical Definitions for this indicator work in practice?</b></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>      No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>If NO a. Why would this technical definition not work in practice?</p>	<p>Local authorities work on the 18-64 age range, not 18-69 as per the definition. We will only have data for those who come into contact with us through the assessment and review process. Therefore, the data could be somewhat out of date when reported depending on when the last contact was</p>
<p><b>4. Is this indicator defined at the right spatial level?</b></p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>      No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>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)</p>	
<p><b>5. Should data for this indicator be provided for any or all of the different equalities strands (please tick the relevant box)?</b></p>	<p>Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Gender <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Religion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Age <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Sexual orientation <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disability <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other <input type="checkbox"/> (Please specify)</p>
<p>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?</p>	

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

Numbers will be very low and as a result there may be some issues with disaggregation. A possible improvement to the definition might be to capture anyone helped into employment in the year rather than a snap shot

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