

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

Name and address of responding organisation:
Devon County Council

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:

151

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 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.	Should be made clearer that although the data is gathered from the annual population survey this is made available quarterly on a rolling average - hence quarterly collection interval
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?	Confidence intervals are likely to prove suitable for use at most County or Unitary levels (Devon & Torbay as examples). Rural District data is likely to fluctuate significantly, however, (8.7% confidence interval - Torridge) and prove inaccurate to a degree that could affect LAA

	performance results, bearing little relation to interventions which have been made.
3. Will the Technical Definitions for this indicator work in practice?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If NO a. Why would this technical definition not work in practice?	As in point 2
4. Is this indicator defined at the right spatial level?	Yes <input 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)	It is preferable to have this indicator at the smallest possible geography, however, accuracy and confidence intervals need to be improved (likely to be smaller than 4%) for this to be practicable. Should also include county level data as this will be one of the LAA area geographies.
5. Should data for this indicator be provided for any or all of the different equalities strands (please tick the relevant box)?	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?	

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

Data for all LAA indicators to be available for similar time periods and all from the same source/hub

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