

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:

152

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"/>
<p>If NO</p> <p>a. What aspects of the technical definition of the indicator are unclear? Please specify clearly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is it in relation to the measurement method, or - on reporting <p>b. Please suggest how the template can be clarified/improved.</p>	<p>In the definition, ' income-related benefits' it needs to be stated in full what they are, so that authority LAA data collectors are fully aware of what they are looking for, rather than making an oblique reference.</p> <p>Data is currently difficult to source in the format it will be required.</p> <p>Calculations of the components of this indicator need to be made by DWP/ONS, rather than the authority LAA data collectors, so that there are no possible mistakes, or discrepancies between authorities in the reporting of data. This indicator, as new, needs to be made available - along with all indicators -</p>

	on the same timescale and from the same source as, for example NI 151. Reliable confidence intervals need to be given.
2. Does the Technical Definition for this indicator have any unintended consequences?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <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?	
3. Will the Technical Definitions for this indicator work in practice?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If NO a. Why would this technical definition not work in practice?	
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)	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.	
Completed versions can be sent to niconsultation@communities.gsi.gov.uk . Hard copy responses should be returned to Local Government Quality and Performance Division, Zone J2, 4 th Floor, Eland House, Bressenden Place, LONDON, SW1E 5DU.	