

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:

153

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.	Income-related benefits making up the indicator need to be defined by each benefit.
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?	Worst performing neighbourhoods which may be in decline could get 'swamped' in the overall figure, if surrounded by significantly better performing areas bordering the 25% threshold in the rest of the LAA area. Areas in most need of intervention

	may then go unidentified.
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 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)	The given spatial level for this indicator is single tier & county council, with data aggregated from poorly performing LSOAs in the LAA area. The definition of the indicator is of 'worst performing neighbourhoods' and therefore should also state a breakdown of the very worst performing LSOAs in each area and direction of travel, to enable interventions to effect change and ensure the worst performing are not missed by aggregation to an average figure.
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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