

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:

164

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.	
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 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)	As delivery and/or LAA reporting will be performed at the local authority level data should be reported at the same level - not regionally, as this will be of little relevance in determining direction and necessary interventions.
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.	
<p>Data for all LAA indicators to be available for similar time periods and all from the same source/hub.</p> <p>Comments from colleagues at the LSC:</p> <p>They are not strictly speaking unintended consequences but this measure</p>	

could become one of measuring the fluidity and movement of the labour force within an area as much as the impact of the investment in skills development.

The process for collecting this data is very imprecise as it is a survey and makes no direct reference to investment that has been made in learning.

It would be helpful to have data at district authority level - but it may not be robust enough.

Ethnicity, Gender and age - equality strands

This would be useful but not sure if the information is gathered.

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