

**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**

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**National Indicator Number:**

**51**

***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>	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"> <li>- is it in relation to the measurement method, or</li> <li>- on reporting</li> </ul> <p>b. Please suggest how the template can be clarified/improved.</p>	<p><b>This indicator appears to be fairly subjective. It will be important that the descriptors for each question to ascertain the differences between levels 1 and 4 are easily understood and distinctly separate.</b></p>
<b>2. Does the Technical Definition for this indicator have any unintended consequences?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If YES</p> <p>a. What are the unintended consequences on this national indicator?</p> <p>b. Can the unintended consequence be avoided? If so, how?</p>	<p><b>se of a proxy measure even for one year is contrary to the stated principles behind introducing the new National Indicator set - see consultation paragraph 3.2.3. Creating a new indicator for one year only cannot be considered other than an</b></p>

	<p><b>additional burden. It will not contribute to any trend data relating to improvement nor be used within LAA arrangements. Instead this indicator number should be held open for a proper measure to be developed and introduced later - see approach used for NI71.</b></p>
<p><b>3. Will the Technical Definitions for this indicator work in practice?</b></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>                      No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>If NO a. Why would this technical definition not work in practice?</p>	
<p><b>4. Is this indicator defined at the right spatial level?</b></p>	<p>Yes <input 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>	

<b>6. Further comments on the questions above and /or any other comments that are not covered above questions.</b>	
Outcome measure for CAMHS still to be developed. Existing PI NI 51 due to cease after 2008/09. No details of new PI, so unable to comment further.	
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