

**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:**

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***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"/>
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.	<b>Further information is required on the data source. Who in the LA is best placed to conduct the survey of parents and when should this take place?</b>
<b>2. Does the Technical Definition for this indicator have any unintended consequences?</b>	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?	
<b>3. Will the Technical Definitions for this indicator work in practice?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If NO a. Why would this technical definition not work in practice?	Don't know - detail not yet developed

<b>4. Is this indicator defined at the right spatial level?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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)	
<b>5. Should data for this indicator be provided for any or all of the different equalities strands (please tick the relevant box)?</b>	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?	
<b>6. Further comments on the questions above and /or any other comments that are not covered above questions.</b>	
<p>Additional comments from colleagues:</p> <p>Is there an opportunity here to focus on the improved uptake of benefits etc. Our LPSA2 target has demonstrated massive under claiming (60% of referrals to date) - would be a massive boost to families across the country if this was improved.</p> <p>PI yet to be developed. No comments possible. However, consultation document states that PI "will be based on the results of a survey". Issues re. validity of data based on survey outcomes.</p>	
<p>Completed versions can be sent to <a href="mailto:niconsultation@communities.gsi.gov.uk">niconsultation@communities.gsi.gov.uk</a>.          Hard copy responses should be returned to Local Government Quality and</p>	

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