Centre for the Study of
Human Rights

Specialist Consultation on the Human Rights Measurement Framework

Consultation Feedback Form

INTRUCTIONS - PLEASE READ FIRST

This document sets out the consultation questions we would like you to consider and provides space for your feed-back and comments.

Please note that although we ask for your name and organisation, you will be given the opportunity to state if your comments can be attributed or not.

Thank you for your participation. Now please read the following carefully:

You are invited to respond to a number of consultation questions. These give you an opportunity to provide us with feedback on our shortlist of indicators and measures, and on the approach that we are adopting.

PLEASE NOTE: THE CONSULTATION IS RUNNING FOR 12 WEEKS FROM JUNE 21ST 2010, AND WILL CLOSE SEPTEMBER 12TH 2010. All CONSULTATION FEEDBACK FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY SEPTEMBER 12TH 2010.

You may:

Complete the consultation questions and submit the form straight away using the prompts on the form.

OR

Save the consultation paper to your computer and complete the form later. Once finished, please email it to prechr@lse.ac.uk. *This is the best option if you want to complete the form in stages.*

Please use the navigation panel on the left-hand-side of this page. If you require more space, please continue on a separate document and email it to prechr@lse.ac.uk.

Following the questions, there will be a section called "About You" where you can enter your name, email and organisation. Here you will be asked if you would like your comments to be attributable or not.

If you have any problems submitting your comments using the prompts on the form itself, please save it to your computer and then attach it to an email addressed to prechr@lse.ac.uk.

If you have any questions about the form or how to submit it, please contact **Tiffany Tsang**, email: prechr@lse.ac.uk. You may also read and contribute to the other consultation papers available at http://personal.lse.ac.uk/prechr/.

INTRODUCTION

The Equality and Human Rights Commission and the Scottish Human Rights Commission has commissioned a team from the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE) in partnership with the British Institute of Human Rights and the LSE Centre for the Study of Human Rights to develop a Human Rights Measurement Framework.

The purposes of the HRMF are

- To produce a credible and objective methodology with which to measure compliance with and progress towards implementation of the human rights framework in Britain.
- To provide the Commission's, Government, public bodies, NGO's and others with an interest in human rights with data against which to prioritise action on human rights.
- To meet the statutory responsibilities of the Equality and Human Rights Commission to monitor and report on progress in relation to Equality and Human Rights.

The research team has already developed a conceptual grid for the Human Rights Measurement Framework, building on international good practice. The next step in the development of the Human Rights Measurement Framework (HRMF) is to reach agreement on a set of indicators and measures to “populate” the panels for England, Scotland and Wales. In order to achieve this objective, we are undertaking a specialist consultation to ensure that the views of key stakeholder groups and subject experts are fully explored.

- The principle aim of the specialist consultation is to reach maximum possible agreement on a shortlist of approximately 50 ‘spotlight’ indicators and associated measures that can be used to “populate” the HRMF for England, Scotland and Wales
- For Scotland and Wales, an additional aim is to identify matching sources (the provisional shortlist of indicators and measures focuses on England)

- We are also recording other feedback and comments, for example, on the definition of a human rights indicator, on the panels, on language, on coverage of vulnerable groups, on the types of data that should be covered, etc.

The research team has prepared a provisional list shortlist of indicators and measures for each panel, as a basis for discussion at the Specialist Consultation. The shortlist will be revised as a result of the specialist consultation, and a data gathering exercise will be undertaken, based on the agreed set of indicators and measures. The panels, including the provisional indicators and measures, are available for you to review in a separate document which is available on the consultation website http://personal.lse.ac.uk/prechr/hrmf/HRMF_panels.pdf

Background information on the Human Rights Measurement Framework and the approach we are adopting is set out in a Background Project Briefing Paper which is available on the consultation website http://personal.lse.ac.uk/prechr/hrmf/HRMF_background.pdf

We have also developed a longlist of indicators that are being used internationally for human rights monitoring purposes. This is a reference document and should be used by anyone requiring further detailed information. This is also available on the consultation website http://personal.lse.ac.uk/prechr/hrmf/HRMF_longlist_of_indicators_and_measures.pdf

Further information

The specialist consultation is running for twelve weeks mid-June until mid-September 2010. If you would like to participate in the consultation, please email prechr@lse.ac.uk

Section 1: About you

Name:

Organisation / institution (if any):

You may choose whether or not you wish your comments to be attributable. Please choose one of the following:

◯	a) Yes comments can be attributed to my organisation ONLY
◯	b) Yes, comments can be attributed to my organisation AND to me personally
◯	c) No, comments cannot be attributed.

Section 2: Definition of a human rights indicator
We are proposing the following definition of a human rights indicator for the purposes of the project:

> [H]uman rights indicators are specific information on the state of an event, activity or an outcome that can be related to human rights norms and standards; that address and reflect the human rights concerns and principles; and that are used to assess and monitor promotion and protection of human rights. (HRI/MC/2006/7)

This definition was taken from a recent report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Indicators Framework. It is based on the formulation used by Special Rapporteur Paul Hunt in his various reports to the Commission on Human Rights (for instance A/58/427, section II). In implementing this definition, we suggest that a measure of human rights may not need to use the term 'human rights' in the language. For example, measuring dignity and respect, autonomy, participation etc, can capture human rights concerns.

1. Do you have any feedback or comments on this definition?

2. Do you have an agreed definition of a human rights indicator that you use in your everyday work/organisation?

Section 3: Identification of good practice examples

1. Are you aware of agreed lists of human rights indicators that are being used for monitoring purposes in England, Scotland or Wales?

2. Are you aware of good practice use of human rights indicators within official statistical monitoring systems?

3. Do you have examples of human rights indicators from your everyday work/organisation on which we could draw?

4. Do you have any further suggestions or comments regarding statistical indicators that we could include in the short-lists of indicators in each domain, that are particularly important from a human rights perspective?

Section 4: Overall comments on panels

1. Overall, do you think that the panels will make a useful contribution to human rights monitoring in England, Scotland and Wales?

Please select:

Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Do you think that dividing the panels by structure, process and outcome indicators is useful?

Please select:

Yes ☐ No ☐

3. Overall, are there any comments you would like to make about the focus, language or design of the panels (e.g. coverage of the Human Rights Act, the international human rights framework, the rights covered in the first round of panel development, etc)?

4. Do you think we have got the language right for describing the Framework (Human Rights Measurement Framework)?

Section 5: Vulnerable groups

We would like to define a list of 'vulnerable groups' to assist us in unpacking equality characteristics and as is recommended as good practice. In a previous project – the Equality Measurement Framework for Children and Young People – the following list of vulnerable groups was suggested:

- Asylum seekers and refugees (including un-accompanied asylum seeking children)
- Children whose families have no recourse to benefits (covers immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees)
- Children looked after by social services
- Children in the Criminal Justice System (CJS)
- Children with parents who are in contact with the CJS or who suffer from substance or alcohol abuse
- Children resident or detained in public or private institutions
- Children at risk of abuse and neglect
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Trafficked children
- Homeless children
- Children from families who have no recourse to public benefits
- Disabled children (with separate reporting for physical and mental health difficulties, Special Education Needs, Additional Education Needs and Additional Support for Learning)
- Children living in income poverty
- Children who are carers
- Children living in unsuitable accommodation
- Children who are recognised as being in need
- Care leavers
- Young adults (in relation to transitional issues)
- Any other child or young person on the Children In Need register (which includes any child referred to Children's Social Care Services in England).

Do you have any suggestions for who should be included in a list of vulnerable groups for children and adults?

Section 6: Anything else?

1. Do you have any other overall comments about the project, the panels or human rights monitoring that you would like us to record?

2. Do you have any suggestions or comments about additional ways in which we could draw on human rights principles and standards in taking the development of the HRMF forward?

Section 7: Comments and Feedback on each panel

Table 1: The right to life

1. Do you have any suggestions about indicators or measures that we could draw on for this panel?

2. Do you have any suggestions about data sources that we could draw on for this panel?

3. Is your organization working with any indicators or measures that are relevant to the development of this panel?
   If yes, please specify details

4. Are there any indicators or measures under this panel that you would remove?

5. Do you have any comments about the way in which the design of this panel could be improved?

For Scotland and Wales

6. Are you aware of any matching Scottish and Welsh Sources that we could draw on for this panel?
   If yes, please specify details

Table 2: The right to freedom from torture, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

1. Do you have any suggestions about indicators or measures that we could draw on for this panel?

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4. Are there any indicators or measures under this panel that you would remove?

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Table 3: The right to liberty and security of the person

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Table 4: The right to a fair trial

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   If yes, please specify details

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For Scotland and Wales

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   If yes, please specify details

Table 5: The right to private and family life

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   If yes, please specify details

4. Are there any indicators or measures under this panel that you would remove?

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For Scotland and Wales

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Table 6: The right to adequate food

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   If yes, please specify details

4. Are there any indicators or measures under this panel that you would remove?

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For Scotland and Wales

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   If yes, please specify details

Table 7: The right to health

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   If yes, please specify details

4. Are there any indicators or measures under this panel that you would remove?

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For Scotland and Wales

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Table 8: The right to education

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   If yes, please specify details

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For Scotland and Wales

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Table 9: The right to adequate housing

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   If yes, please specify details

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