**Update on the review of the core RIIA dataset (July 2021 – date) for ADCS regions for information and action**

Over the last few months, ADCS has been working with members of NIPMG, the Data to Insight Manager and the DfE on an update to the core dataset of 18 indicators used by the ADCS regions and submitted on a quarterly basis to the Department.

A series of MoUs underpin the sharing of this information with the Department, with a wall built around these data – at the time of agreements being signed, sharing outside of the improvement team was not permitted. A request from the Department to agree a common approach to the capture and submission of these data plus permission to share aggregate insights with policy teams earlier this year, in part, triggered this review. At the ADCS policy seminar back in February 2021, it was agreed that the wider sharing of these data was, on balance, helpful to assist the Department’s understanding of practice realities and issues and to make the case for more funding, for example. Some suggested wording for tailoring and/or use in revised regional MoUs has been provided following a review of the nine separate agreements (see attachment 3).

Regions may also wish to reflect sub-regional requirements too e.g. the ability to share insights with combined authorities, as well as use of these insights for engagements with Ofsted. Finally, MHCLG are currently exploring options to gather contextual information to supplement its SF data collection. No formal proposals have been received on this front but there might be an opportunity to head off a further and separate request via the RIIA insights. Officials say they are not interested in child-level data, more “the social care context.”

**Regions are i) invited to consider the overall spirit and content of this wording for inclusion in their relevant MoU as these are reviewed with the DfE ii) to give consideration, and provide feedback, on the timing of quarterly submissions and iii) Provide feedback on MHCLG/DLUHC’s query about contextual information.**

Attachment 1 provides the latest position on the revised dataset, which considers suggestions put forward in various ADCS forums and discussions, feedback from regional RIIA leads and additions from the Department (complete request can be seen in attachment 2). There are two outstanding queries to note, firstly, the DfE has indicated that it wishes to continue with the monthly SEND survey despite the inclusion of SEND indicators here. The different parts of the Department will discuss this and report back. Additionally, the DfE has not yet accepted the omission of the ‘contact with social worker’ indicator.

**Regions are invited to consider the ‘RIIA 24’ and indicate whether there is support for this direction of travel and/or any concerns about specific indicators.**

Once the next version of the dataset is agreed, some additional work will be done to support the collection and submission of these data – firming up guidance and creating a common template for submission to allow easier analysis. This will also allow us to use these data for our own purposes too e.g. comparison with statistical neighbours, and to reduce the burden of the bi-annual ADCS Safeguarding Pressures data collection.

**Finally, regions are again asked to reflect and feedback on the completion of the Department’s *Vulnerable children and young people survey* given the expanded insights this exercise will provide in due course.**

**Project timeline and key milestones:**

* **W/c 5 January** –Update to be shared with ADCS regions for discussion
* **18 January** – The DfE’s data governance board meets
* **20 January** – National Information Performance Managers Group meets
* **25 January** – ADCS, NIMPG, D2I and DfE reps to reconvene for update
* **27 January** – ADCS SPI policy committee meets
* **3 February** – ADCS Council of Reference (annual policy seminar)
* **1 April** – New collection goes live
* **Post-June** – first submissions of the new dataset made.

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