Children’s Commissioner Review



**Young People’s Questionnaire**

So you’ll be interviewing others about the role of the Children’s Commissioner… well here are some tips on using this questionnaire. The whole thing is designed for you to use in a phone or face-to-face interview. It’s not the kind of questionnaire you can just hand out and hope for the best. So just keep these bits in mind - if you see:

BLACK text - read it out for your interviewee

BLUE text - just for you so you know which question to ask next

And the *light grey text* is just some guidance on where to put notes or what notes to make.

If you’ve read all this and you’re still not sure what to do then please ring **020 7340 7454** or email [**evidence.occ@education.gsi.gov.uk**](mailto:evidence.occ@education.gsi.gov.uk) and someone in the Review Team will be happy to help you.

When you’ve finished, please post your responses to The OCC Review Team, Ground Floor, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, Westminster, SW1P 3BT, or email them to [evidence.occ@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:evidence.occ@education.gsi.gov.uk).

First things first…

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| Is your interviewee… | Female |  | Male |  |

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| Ask them: **How old are you?** |  |

And now… on to the interview!

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| 1. **Do you feel the government listens to children and young people?** | Yes |  | No |  |
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| *Add any additional comments here* | | | | |

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| 1. **Have you heard of the Children’s Commissioner?** | Yes |  | No |  | If **YES**,  go on to **Qu 3**  If **NO**,  go on to **Qu 10** |
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| *Add any additional comments here* | | | | |

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| 1. **How did you find out about the Children’s Commissioner?** | | | | | | | ..and now **Qu 4** |
| School/College |  | Friend/Family | |  | Youth clubs, etc. |  |
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| Radio |  | Paper/Magazine | |  | TV |  |
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| Website |  | Other | *Please state* | | | |

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| 1. **What do you think the Children’s Commissioner does?** | ..and now **Qu 5** |
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| 1. **Do you think the Children’s Commissioner has changed things?** | | | | | | If **YES**,  be sure to note details  … now to **Qu 6** |
| Yes |  | No |  | Don’t Know |  |
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| *If YES, what’s changed?* | | | | | |

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| 1. **Have you ever contacted the Children’s Commissioner?** | Yes |  | No |  | If **YES**,  go on to **Qu 7**  If **NO**,  go on to **Qu 9** |
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| 1. **Did you get a good response?** | Yes |  | No |  | … go to **Qu 8** |
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| *Add any additional comments here* | | | | |

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| 1. **Did you find it easy to contact the Children’s Commissioner?** | Yes |  | No |  | … go to **Qu 9** |
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| *Add any additional comments here* | | | | |

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| 1. **What do you feel is the best way for you to contact the Children’s Commissioner?** | ..now **Item 12** |
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| 1. **If you have a concern that affects children and young people, where could you go to get your voice heard?** | Only ask this **if** theysaid **NO** to **Qu 2**  ..now to **Qu 11** |
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| *Add comments here* |

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| 1. **What would help children and young people to really get their voices heard by the government?** | ..now **Item 12** |
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| 1. **Read this to your interviewee before asking the remaining questions** | ..now to **Qu 13** |
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| **The Children’s Commissioner is the person who is there to make sure that adults in charge listen to all children and young people.** |

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| 1. **Do you think this is a good idea?** | Yes |  | No |  | … go to **Qu 14** |
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| *Add any additional comments here* | | | | |

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| 1. **Can you think of any other person/organisation/method you could use to make sure the government hears your views?** | ..now **Qu 15** |
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| 1. **Do you think the Children’s Commissioner should represent all or only some groups of children?** | | | | | | If **SOME**,  be sure to note details  … now **Qu 16** |
| All |  | Some |  | Don’t Know |  |
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| *If SOME, which ones?* | | | | | |

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| 1. **Would you like the Children’s Commissioner to be…** | | | | | | … go to **Qu 17** |
| National only |  | Local & National |  | Don’t Know |  |
| *(across England)* |  | *(based in your area and across England too)* |  |  |  |
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| *Add any additional comments here* | | | | | |

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| 1. **What can we do to make sure more children and young people have heard of the Children’s Commissioner?** | ..and we’re DONE! |
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| *Add comments here* |

Thank you for completing the questionnaire!

What happens now?

*Your views, combined with those from the adult consultation, will be considered by Dr John Dunford who is the head of the review. He will then make recommendations to the Secretary of State for Education who will consider what to do next. So keep your eyes on the news!*