

Supporting the cost of home-based childcare

Consultation Response Form

The closing date for this
consultation is 30/08/2002

The Department may, in accordance with the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, make available, on public request, individual consultation responses. This will extend to your comments unless you inform us that you wish them to remain confidential.

Please tick if you want us to keep your response confidential

Name _____

Organisation (if applicable) _____

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Please tick **any** of the following boxes that best describes you as a respondent
(Please tick the relevant option(s))

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shift worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of a child with disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Existing childminder | <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lone parent | <input type="checkbox"/> EYDCP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ | |

Question 1.

Do you agree that the arrangements for home childcarer's set out in section 1A.5 are sensible?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
<p>Comments:</p>		

Question 2.

Do you agree with the Code requirements for Home Childcarer's as set out in the outline code? If not, please comment on any areas that you think are not adequately covered, or covered inappropriately.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
<p>Comments:</p>		

Question 3.

Do you agree that the ongoing monitoring arrangements set out in the outline Code of Practice are right?

Yes

No

Not sure

Comments:

Use this space to write down any general comments you may have on the consultation.

General Comments:

Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views. We do not intend to acknowledge individual responses unless you tick the box below.

Please acknowledge this reply

Here at the Department for Education and Skills we carry out our research on many different topics and consultations. As your views are valuable to us, would it be all right if we were to contact you again from time to time either for research or to send through consultation documents?

Yes **No**

The following seven standards from the Cabinet Office Code of Practice on written consultation should be reproduced in all consultation documents. This is binding on Departments. Ministers' reasons for any departures should be explained.

Code of Practice on written consultation

All UK national public consultations are required to conform to the following standards:

1. Timing of consultation should be built into the planning process for a policy (including legislation) or service from the start, so that it has the best prospect of improving the proposals concerned, and so that sufficient time is left at each stage.
2. It should be clear who is being consulted, about what questions, in what timescale and for what purpose.
3. A consultation document should be as simple and concise as possible. It should include a summary, in two pages at most, of the main questions it seeks views on. It should make it as easy as possible for readers to respond, make contact or complain.
4. Documents should be made widely available, with the fullest use of electronic means (though not to the exclusion of others), and effectively drawn to the attention of all interested groups and individuals.
5. Sufficient time should be allowed for considered responses from all groups with an interest. Twelve weeks should be the standard minimum period for a consultation.
6. Responses should be carefully and open-mindedly analysed, and the results made widely available, with an account of the views expressed, and the reasons for decisions finally taken.
7. Departments should monitor and evaluate consultations, designating a consultation co-ordinator who will ensure the lessons are disseminated.

