Planned changes to official statistics

Early years and childcare inspections and outcomes

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Introduction

1. Ofsted publishes quarterly statistics on the number and outcomes of inspections of providers registered with Ofsted on the Early Years Register (EYR) and the Childcare Register (CCR).

2. From the next publication of these statistics, scheduled for 8 March 2012 and covering inspections up to 31 December 2011, we intend to make changes to the published statistics.

In accordance with Protocol 1, Practice 7 of the UK Statistics Authority *Code of practice for official statistics*, this paper describes the proposed changes in full and invites comment. The proposed changes follow a substantial increase in the content of this statistical publication during 2011 and are intended to focus the analysis it contains on those elements that generate most interest.

Coverage and presentation

3. The statistics are presented with three main components:
   a) key findings and commentary to help users understand the main messages arising from the information
   b) a number of tables providing flexible analyses covering the most commonly asked questions and areas of interest
   c) .csv files providing the data underlying the analyses, allowing users to conduct their own analysis if required.

4. The items a) and c) above are intended to remain unchanged.

5. A number of changes are proposed to item b). Full details of the proposed changes are shown at Annex A and involve:
   - the removal of four tables where the analysis is repeated elsewhere within the publication or covers types of inspection that tend to generate lower levels of interest
   - the removal of the local authority filter from a further six tables
   - the removal of the month-by-month breakdown for table 9a, which typically covers a very small number of inspections.

6. In all cases, even though removal or modification of the tables is proposed, it is intended that the underlying data will remain as part of the publication.

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Frequency

7. These changes do not affect the frequency of publication.

Periodicity

8. In the main, it is proposed that data will be presented on a monthly basis, which is unchanged. The only exception to this is the proposed removal of a monthly breakdown from table 9a, which covers ‘No Children on Roll’ inspections within the quarter and usually has very small inspection numbers.

Timing

9. The timing of these publications is unchanged by these proposals.

Feedback

10. If you have any questions or comments about the planned changes to official statistics outlined in this document, please contact the responsible statistician by email at steve.ball@ofsted.gov.uk, or by writing to:

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### Annex A. Proposed changes to the content of early years and childcare inspections and outcomes statistical publication

Publications from March 2012 - changes from previous quarters marked in yellow

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