

Non-qualifying regulatory provisions summary reporting template

Regulator/inspectorate: Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Service and Skills (Ofsted)

Business Impact Target Reporting Period covered: 5 May 2015 – 8 June 2017

Excluded category*	Summary of measures
L2 – Education, communications and promotion	<p>Ofsted provides information to enquirers via its general helpline. Information is also available through the Ofsted website: on www.gov.uk/government/ofsted.</p> <p>In summer 2015, we held framework launch events before the common inspection framework was introduced in September 2015. These events informed providers of the changes arising from the common inspection framework and inspection handbooks (already covered in the QRP BIT assessments 1 and 2). Attendance at these events was voluntary and did not add any additional expectations.</p>
L3 – Activity related to policy development	<p>In this period, we have not formally consulted on early years regulation and independent schools inspection. However, we regularly speak to representatives from across the early years sector through our early years national consultative forum (NCF).</p> <p>Ofsted has worked with the Department for Education (DfE) and BRE in the ‘cutting red tape’ review of childcare during 2016. The report was published in December 2016 and we have been reviewing the findings relevant to us – these cover registration and inspection policy. We are now planning actions.</p>
L4 – Changes to management of regulator	<p>In September 2015, Ofsted brought in house the management, selection and quality assurance of ‘additional inspectors’ and inspection support for schools and further education and skills inspections. This was previously done by external contractors. This was a change of structure/governance/employment for efficiency purposes. This did not change Ofsted’s inspection responsibilities and functions. Changes to the approach to inspection are already covered in BIT assessments 1) and 2).</p> <p>In April 2017, we brought in house management and quality assurance of inspectors for early years inspection/regulation. This was previously done by external contractors. This was a change of structure/governance/employment for efficiency purposes and did not change Ofsted’s responsibilities and functions.</p>