

Making data count – Seminar – London 21 October 2008

Well being indicators

Local authority issues raised in discussion

The positive, "whole child", approach was welcomed

Concerns that there will be added burdens on local authority data and information staff

Paragraph 10 and 14 on making National Indicator Set data available to schools, what is the expected level of disaggregation?

Paragraph 22 aggregation of school level indicators to LA level

Paragraph 35 possible management of school-level surveys if used to generate local area data

School survey

Why not a national mandatory, coherent scheme?

Concerns expressed:

- regarding 'parent questionnaire overload'
- the capacity of schools to undertake the survey and reliance on local authority to assist many schools
- logistical implications for local authorities
- need consistency between schools if aggregation is to be of use
- impact on quality of other surveys
- results dependent on the school's ability to "sell itself" to parents