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| **Consultation Response Form**  **Consultation closing date: 9 October 2014** **Your comments must reach us by that date** |
| Knowledge and Skills for Child and Family Social Work – Response Form |

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Which answer best describes you as a respondent?

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1. Is there anything else that should be included in the statement which sets out what a child and family social worker needs to know and be able to do?

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2. Are there any parts of the statement which are not set at the right level for a child and family social worker to be able to know or do, at the end of their first year of practice? If so, what are they?

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3. Do you agree that the statement should not prescribe particular social work theories or methodologies?

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Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views. We do not intend to acknowledge individual responses unless you place an 'X' in the box below.

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Here at the Department for Education we carry out our research on many different topics and consultations. As your views are valuable to us, please confirm below if you would be willing to be contacted again from time to time either for research or to send through consultation documents?

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All Department for Education public consultations are required to meet the Cabinet Office [Principles on Consultation](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/255180/Consultation-Principles-Oct-2013.pdf)

The key consultation principles are:

* government will follow a range of timescales rather than defaulting to a 12-week period, particularly where extensive engagement has occurred before
* government will need to give more thought to how they engage with and use real discussion with affected parties and experts as well as the expertise of civil service learning to make well informed decisions
* government should explain what responses they have received and how these have been used in formulating policy
* consultation should be ‘digital by default’, but other methods should be used where these are needed to reach the groups affected by a policy
* the principles of the Compact between government and the voluntary and community sector will continue to be respected.

If you have any comments on how Department for Education (DfE) consultations are conducted, please contact Aileen Shaw, DfE Consultation Coordinator, tel: 0370 000 2288 / email: [aileen.shaw@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:aileen.shaw@education.gsi.gov.uk)

**Thank you for taking time to respond to this consultation.**

Completed responses should be sent to the address shown below by 9 October 2014

Send by post to:

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