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| **Consultation Response Form****Consultation closing date: 1 September 2015****Your comments must reach us by that date** |
| Knowledge and skills: practice leaders and practice supervisors  |

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In November 2014 the Department for Education published the statement of knowledge and skills for Approved Child and Family Practitioners written by the Chief Social Worker for children and families.

This consultation is on two additional new draft statements of knowledge and skills on child and family social work, one for practice supervisors and one for practice leaders.

These statements will be part of a new national, practice focused, career pathway. Practice supervisors and practice leaders will be assessed against them to provide clarity about the quality of practice that can be expected from those who hold these accreditations.

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If your enquiry is related to the DfE e-consultation website or the consultation process in general, you can contact the Ministerial and Public Communications Division by e-mail: consultation.unit@education.gsi.gov.uk or by telephone: 0370 000 2288 or via the Department's ['Contact Us'](file:///C%3A%5Chelp%5Ccontactus) page.

Please specify the category which best describes you as a respondent. If other, please specify.

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 | Other employer of social workers (private, voluntary and independent) |

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 | Child and family social worker |

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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 DfE 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:

* departments will follow a range of timescales rather than defaulting to a 12-week period, particularly where extensive engagement has occurred before
* departments 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
* departments should explain what responses they have received and how these have been used in formulating policy
* consultation should be ‘digital by default’, but other forms 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 DfE consultations are conducted, please email: consultation.unit@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 1 September 2015

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