



The extension to the sixth quality framework
for Welsh public libraries

April 2023 to March 2024

Annual return pro-forma: Year ending 31 March 2023

Guidance notes

The return is to be made over three worksheets, together with a Word document. Authorities should take note of the following:

The *Definitions and guidelines for data collection and reporting* document provides guidance for completing the return.

Where data are included in the annual public library actuals return to CIPFA, the same figure should be used for this return.

Only those cells where data are required can be selected; other areas of the return are shaded. The tab key can be used to move to the next available cell.

Culture Division reserves the right to request evidence of the information provided in the return to assist with the assessment process.

Context

This sheet requires some descriptive details for the authority, and contact details for the person to whom any queries should be addressed.

Core entitlements

This sheet deals with the 13 core entitlements for the public. Authorities should select their (self-assessed) level of compliance from the drop-down box, and provide further information in the space provided.

Quality indicators

This sheet covers the 12 public library standard quality indicators. For some indicators authorities are required to enter the raw data from which quantitative standards are derived; calculation will then take place automatically.

For those standards with quantitative targets, values are compared to the target set, and an indication given of whether or not that standard has been met. Space has been provided for comment; authorities failing to meet targets will be prompted to use this space to detail any mitigating circumstances, and plans for future improvement.

A comparative figure for the year ending 31 March 2022 should be provided for each annually reported PI. Space is provided for authorities to comment on any decline in their performance over the previous year.

The most recent figures available should be given for those PIs which are required only once in the three year period, and the date of data collection given in the space provided.

Submission

When completed, the return should be submitted via email to MALD:

Culture@gov.wales

Closing date for receipt of returns:

Friday 28 June 2024

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