

# ANNEX 1: Joint Civil Society Report Methodology

1. This Joint Civil Society Report to the UN UPR for the UK's 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle is the result of an extensive evidence-gathering process across Great Britain as part of the Human Rights Check UK project. The project was run by the British Institute of Human Rights. More information about the project can be found at [www.bih.org.uk/hrcheck](http://www.bih.org.uk/hrcheck)
2. This work was commissioned by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC), one of the UK's National Human Rights Institutions. Human Rights Check UK has:
  - Held eight UPR engagement events across Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) for CSOs
  - Established of a Steering Group of CSOs representing a variety of interests from across Great Britain
  - Held a call for evidence to enable CSOs to submit evidence for consideration in compiling the Joint Report
  - Developed the Joint Civil Society Report to be submitted to the UN
  - Undertaken wider communications work, including engaging with the UK and devolved Governments, media work and launching the Report.

## Engagement Events

3. Eight engagement and consultation sessions were held in England, Scotland and Wales between April – May 2016. These sessions took place in York, Edinburgh, Inverness, Wrexham, Cardiff, London, Exeter and Leicester. 126 people attended the programme of events. The CSOs represented a variety of issues and areas of work, ranging from frontline support services to national and international organisations.
4. Each session involved evidence-gathering to enable participants to assess progress (or lack thereof) on the 2012 UN recommendations to the UK, and to identify additional issues for the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle UPR of the UK.

## Call for Evidence

5. The call for evidence ran over several months, closing on the 6 July 2016. Evidence was received via our online portal, email and in hardcopy. 92 written submissions were received from CSOs from across Great Britain provided evidence. They represented a variety of issues and areas of work, ranging from frontline support services to national and international organisations.

## Civil Society Groups Engaged

6. The following organisations were engaged in either or both the events and the call for evidence:

Abbott & Associates	Communication Workers Union	Medical Justice
Abused Men in Scotland	Dalit Solidarity Network UK	Mencap
AdviceUK	Detention Action	Mental Health Foundation
Advocacy Matters Wales	Detention Forum	Migrant Rights Network
Advocate Highland	Dewis CIL	Mind
Age Connects North East Wales	Diverse Cymru	NAT (National AIDS Trust)
Age Cymru	Edinburgh Coalition Against Poverty	National Association for Voluntary and Community Action
Age UK	Encompass South West working for the Wiser Money Project.	National Board of Catholic Women
Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association	End Violence Against Women Coalition	National LGB&T Partnership
AIRE Centre	English PEN	National Secular Society
All Wales People First	ERACE Consultancy	National Survivor User Network
Alzheimer's Scotland	Feminism in London	National Union of Students
Alzheimer's Society	Fife Centre for Equalities	NAWO - National Alliance of Women's Organisations
AMIS	Freedom From Torture	NCVO
Anti-Slavery International	Friends, Families and Travellers	North Somerset Council
Arcadea	Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children	North Wales Anti-Slavery Project
Article 12 in Scotland	Helen Bamber Foundation	Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council
Association of Visitors to Immigration Detainees	Hft	Nottingham Arimathea Trust
Asylum Aid	HIV Scotland	Nottingham Citizens
Asylum Link Mersyside	Housing Justice	Nottingham Mencap
AVOW	Howard League for Penal Reform	NSUN Network for Mental Health
Bail for Immigration Detainees	Howard League Scotland	Older People's Advocacy Alliance (OPAAL (UK))
Barbed Wire Britain	Huggard Centre	Plan UK
BEACON, Bradford	Human Rights and Equalities Charnwood	Preston New Road Action Group
BHA for Equality	Human Rights Consortium (London)	Prison Reform Trust
Brighton & Hove Impetus	Humanist Society Scotland	Race Equality Foundation
British Humanist Association	Inclusion London	Race on the Agenda: ROTA
British Institute of Human Rights	Inclusion Scotland	Range of carer led support groups
British Red Cross	Integrate Bristol	Rape and Sexual Abuse Service Highland
Campaign to Close Campsfield	Jersey Calais Refugee Aid Group	RECOVERY Assistance Dogs
Cardiff Third Sector Council	Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants	Recovery Assistant Dogs for Mental Health
Cardiff University Law School Innocence Project	Just Fair	Refugee Action York
Cartrefi Cymru	JUST West Yorkshire	Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London
Centre for Applied Human Rights	LAMP	Refugee Rights Data Project
Centre for the Study of Crime, Criminalisation and Social Exclusion	Latin American Women's Rights Service	Refugee Support Devon
Child Soldiers International	Law Society of England and Wales	Rene Cassin
Children 1st	Law Society of Scotland	Rights Watch UK
Children are Unbeatable! Alliance	Leicester AIDS Support Service	Ross and Cromarty CAB
Children in Scotland	Leicester LGBT Centre	Royal College of Nursing
Children's Rights Alliance for England	Leicester Secular Society	Runnymede Trust
Citizens Advice Hambleton, Richmondshire and Selby & District	Loughborough Street Pastors	Safer Wales
Citizens Advice York	LVSC	SARSAS
Civic Leicester; Leicester Human Rights Arts and Film Festival	Mary Ward Legal Centre	Scotlight
		Scottish Commission for Learning Disability

Scottish Council for  
Voluntary Organisations  
SEWREC  
Sex Education Forum,  
National Childrens Bureau  
South Wales against  
Wrongful Conviction  
Southall Black Sisters  
Speak Out Against  
Psychiatry  
Stonewall  
Stonewall Cymru  
Stopwatch  
Summerfield Management,  
Training & Media  
Swansea Womens Asylum  
Seeker and Refugee Group  
TalkTime Edinburgh  
Tameside Human Rights  
Watch  
Terrence Higgins Trust  
The Detention Forum  
The IARS International  
Institute  
The Law Centres Network  
The Traveller Movement  
Together Scotland  
Transform International  
TUC  
Turning Point  
UK Race and Europe  
Network  
Unicef UK  
Unique Transgender  
Network  
Unison  
UNITE Construction  
United Nations Association -  
UK  
Unlock Democracy  
Welsh Refugee Council  
Welsh Women's Aid  
Women Connect First  
women@thewell  
Women's Aid  
Women's Resource Centre  
York Human Rights City  
Network  
York Indian Cultural  
Association  
York LGBT Forum  
York Mind  
York Older People's  
Assembly  
York People First  
York Racial Equality  
Network  
York University Students  
Union (YUSU)

Young Transgender Centre  
of Excellence  
Youth Highland  
Zimbabwe Action in  
Solidarity

## Evidence Analysis and Report Themes

7. The Joint Report takes a thematic approach, grouping together the 132 recommendations made by the United Nations to the UK in 2012 into key themes, together with new and emerging issues. These were used throughout the project and so enabled a level of consistency between the information produced, the engagement events and the call for evidence. (Please noted the UN matrix published in August 2016 was not used as this was released too late into the evidence gathering and analysis stages of the Report)
8. The Report uses the following criteria in analysing the 2012 recommendations:
  - met: where the recommendation has been fully met by the UK Government
  - action taken but not met: where action has been taken by the UK Government, but the recommendation has not been fully met. This may be because the recommendation has only been partially met (e.g. only signing but not ratifying a treaty) or because further action is needed to fully meet the recommendation (including where the recommendation requires ongoing action, e.g. continuing to address inequality issues)
  - not met: where there has not been action to meet this recommendation.

Where there are particular risks to the human rights at issue, this is noted. Please see Annex 2 for further analysis of the 2012 recommendations.

### **From Report Annex 2**

The Joint Civil Society Report covers 85/132 (70%) of the United Nations recommendations from 2012, finding that:

- **4/85 (4.5%)** recommendations **had been met** by the Government (although some had recent cause for concern)
- **36/85 (42.5%)** recommendations **some action had been taken** by the Government **but not met**
- **45/85 (53%)** recommendations were **not met** by the Government

**In total 81/84 (95.5%) of the 2012 recommendations were not fully met according to the submissions to BIHR provided by civil society in 2016**

Of the 85 UN recommendations covered by the Civil Society report, the UK Government accepted 53/85 (62%). Of these, the Civil Society report finds:

- **4/53 (8%)** recommendations **had been met** by the Government (although some had recent cause for concern)
- **32/53 (60%)** recommendations **some action had been taken** by the Government **but not met**
- **7/53 (32%)** recommendations were **not met** by the Government

**In total 49/53 (92%) of the 2012 UN recommendations to the UK Government that the UK Government accepted were not fully met according to the submissions to BIHR provided by civil society in 2016**

9. As a Joint Civil Society Report, the report has been structured around the evidence submitted, weighted accordingly. For example, significant evidence was received in relation to immigration, access to justice and welfare issues and these sections are thus longer. Given the evidence received, the strict UN word limit, and the fact that this report covers Great Britain (which includes the UK Government, Scottish Government, and Welsh Government), there are inevitably 2012 recommendations and new issues which are not covered by this report. Where we are aware of additional evidence and/or UPR reports which will be submitted by other CSOs we have referenced these in the endnotes.