

## Evaluation of Child Impact Assessment



*This evaluation form is a guide only and can be adapted as needed. Online survey tools such as [SurveyMonkey](#) can be a very useful way of creating a bespoke evaluation form that can easily be collated and analysed. Details about how, when, and to whom to return the evaluation form; where people can go for further information or to ask questions; and how data will be used and stored should be added accordingly.*

### Example Evaluation

Thank you for taking time to fill in this evaluation form. Your feedback will help us improve support for children with a parent in the criminal justice system. Your responses will remain anonymous. You only need to complete the section that is relevant to you. Your written comments may be used in reports or funding applications if you agree to this (by ticking the box at the end of this form). Any comments made will also remain anonymous. The evaluation should not take longer than about 15 minutes to complete.

**I am** (please tick):

a) **A child or young person** with:

A mum in the criminal justice  
system

A dad in the criminal justice  
system

**Please go to section A**

b) **A parent with direct experience of the criminal justice system.** I am a:

Mum

Dad

**Please go to section B**

c) **Looking after a child or children with a parent in the criminal justice system.**

I am their:

Mum

Dad

Grandmother

Grandfather

Other

**Please go to section B**

d) **Someone in contact in a professional capacity** (voluntary or statutory) with a parent in, or a child affected by, the criminal justice system.

Role

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**Please go to section B**

**Section A: Complete this section if you are a child / young person with a parent in the criminal justice system (it is ok if you need someone to help you fill in this evaluation)**

**1. Which section(s) of the Child Impact Assessment have you used?** (Tick all that apply)

Arrest      Court and sentencing      Prison or community service      Release

**2. Who helped you with this?** If you can, write the job they do or how you know them (for example, my teacher, a social worker, gran etc.)

**3. How helpful was the Child Impact Assessment in letting you talk about your feelings?** (1 = not at all helpful, 2 = not very helpful, 3 = helpful, 4 = very helpful, 5 = extremely helpful)



**4. Please choose a number to let us know how you feel about the following statements** (1 = no, 2 = not really, 3 = a bit, 4 = yes, 5 = very much):

	1	2	3	4	5
	no	not really	a bit	yes	very much
<b>a. I felt listened to</b>					
	1	2	3	4	5
	no	not really	a bit	yes	very much
<b>b. I felt supported</b>					
	1	2	3	4	5
	no	not really	a bit	yes	very much
<b>c. I felt included in decisions that were being made about me</b>					

**6. What was helpful about the Child Impact Assessment?**

**7. What actions / decisions were decided after you completed one or more sections of the Child Impact Assessment?**

**8. What do you think would have happened if you had not done a Child Impact Assessment?**

**9. What difference has the Child Impact Assessment made to you?**

**Now go to section C**

**Section B:** Complete this section if you are a parent with direct experience of the criminal justice system; a carer of a child / children with a parent in the criminal justice system; or a practitioner working with either parents in, or children impacted by, the criminal justice system.

**1. How helpful is the Child Impact Assessment in making sure children are listened to?** (1 = not at all helpful, 2 = not very helpful, 3 = helpful, 4 = very helpful, 5 = extremely helpful)



**2. How helpful is the Child Impact Assessment in making sure children get the support they need?** (1 = not at all helpful, 2 = not very helpful, 3 = helpful, 4 = very helpful, 5 = extremely helpful)



**3. How helpful is the Child Impact Assessment in making sure children are included in decisions that are made about them?** (1 = not at all helpful, 2 = not very helpful, 3 = helpful, 4 = very helpful, 5 = extremely helpful)



**4. What difference, if any, has the Child Impact Assessment made to you in your role?** (For example, it might have helped you understand a child better, be more involved in decisions about them, or helped you better understand what support they need)

**5. What difference, if any, do you think the Child Impact Assessment made to the child(ren) you are working with (or have encountered within a work capacity), looking after, or parent of?** (For example, it might have reassured them that they are not alone or it might have given them more confidence in asking for help)

**Now go to section C**

**Section C: If there is anything else you want to say about the Child Impact Assessment, please write it here:**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this evaluation of Child Impact Assessments. If you are happy for any comments you have made to be used in reports, please tick the box below.

**Please note that we will not use any names or information that might identify children or parents.**

I agree that my written comments can be used in any reports about Child Impact Assessments.