

Call for Evidence for the Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission	
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Are you responding as an individual or representing your organisation?	Chief Executive of the CLLS
May we contact you if we have follow-up questions?	Yes
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<p>Questions</p> <p>Please reply only to those questions which are relevant to you or your organisation</p>
<p>Overall assessment: The UK Government has been implementing its Child Poverty and Social Mobility strategies. What progress has it made to date in tackling child poverty and improving social mobility? What are the top three strengths and weaknesses of its approach?</p>
N/A
<p>Work: Looking ahead, how successful is the UK Government likely to prove in its ambition of 'supporting families to achieve financial independence' and why? We are particularly interested in progress on reducing the level of in-work poverty and worklessness.</p>
N/A
<p>Education: Looking ahead, how successful is the UK Government likely to prove in its ambition of closing attainment gaps by social background and why? We are particularly interested in the progress being made in the early years and to help young people make a smooth transition into the labour market (i.e. 14-19 year olds).</p>
<p>You should be aware of the very recent final report of the Legal Education and Training Review, which reported publicly on 25 June 2013. You can find the full report in pdf at www.letr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/LETR-Report.pdf ; (before you print it off, note that it is a large document).</p> <p>In very brief summary, the Review report will now be examined by each of the 3 Approved Regulators (the Solicitors Regulation Authority, the Bar Standards Board, and the Institute for Legal Executives, who jointly commissioned the Review). Each regulator will examine and decide which of the Review recommendations are relevant to that regulator's sector.</p> <p>Notably, the Review made a number of recommendations of direct relevance to your Commission. Two recommendations stand out: first, (Recommendation 20), 'in the light of the Milburn Reports on social mobility, conduct standards and guidance governing the offering and conduct of internships and work placements should be put in place'; and second, (Recommendation 21), 'work should proceed to develop higher apprenticeship qualifications at Levels 5-7 as part of an additional non-graduate pathway into the regulated professions, but the quality and diversity effects of such pathways should be monitored'.</p>
<p>Contribution of employers: What progress is being made by the professions</p>

and employers in delivering fairer access to professional careers (for example, in widening graduate recruitment, paying internships, using fairer selection techniques, expanding non-graduate recruitment and so on)?
See above
The local picture: The Commission is seeking a more robust and evidence-based picture of the cumulative impact of changes at a local level likely to influence child poverty and social mobility (e.g. employment support, early years, libraries, youth services, housing). What is happening to levels of need and provision and how well are services adapting?
N/A
The nations: What are the distinctive challenges of Scotland and Wales in tackling poverty and improving social mobility and what progress are the Scottish and Welsh Governments making?
N/A
Any other comments
You may wish to make contact directly with the LETR academic team that produced the Review report. Alternatively, if you would find it helpful, I can discuss with you some of the Review's implications for the future legal workforce, and its undoubted potential benefits for social mobility. The recommendations I mention above are of direct interest to the practice of law at the large City firms, and the CLLS has contributed significantly to the Review report.

Please return this form by **Friday 5 July 2013**

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