

# Condition Data Collection

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# Content

- What is the Condition Data Collection (CDC) and why are we doing it?
- Improvements made
- Progress to date & emerging findings
- Further Education CDC and a successor programme
- Questions for discussion



# What is the CDC?

- High level, non-invasive assessment of the condition of school buildings and includes building maintenance compliance
- It's the follow-on to the Property Data Survey (PDS) Programme 2012 – 2014
- Started February 2017 (pilots) and on track to complete September 2019
- Includes all government funded schools in England
- Overarching aim – supports targeting of capital funding to where it is most needed and helps make the case for capital investment in the estate



# What CDC is not

It is not a comprehensive asset management survey because:

- It does not address H&S requirements
- It is not invasive
- It is not structural
- It does not report on hazardous materials
- No account of operational criticality/capacity
- It does not provide estimated defect remedy cost information for schools or responsible bodies



# Improvements

- We're using a common IT platform (Kykloud)
- We're sharing information sooner after the survey
- We've worked to improve stakeholder engagement and are looking for continual feedback
- We have improved surveyor training, guidance and data validation (surveyors require a CDC passport)
- Inclusion of photo's of roof and category C/D elements
- Responsible Body engagement



# Focus on asbestos

- All schools are asked to show:
  - Asbestos register
  - Asbestos management plan
- Links to Asbestos Management Assurance Process

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/asbestos-management-in-schools--2>



# How you can help

- Pre-visit
- CDC visit
- CDC report feedback and general feedback
- Hard to reach schools



# Progress to Date

- 4 surveying organisations delivering 6 Tranches
- Covering 22,500 schools
- Up to 1,000 site visits per month
- In the home straight....





# Progress to date

By end of May 2019, there have been:

- Over 20,800 school site visits out of 22,000 schools
- Just under 19,000 surveyor approved CDC school datasets
- 14,350 school condition reports released



# Feedback so far

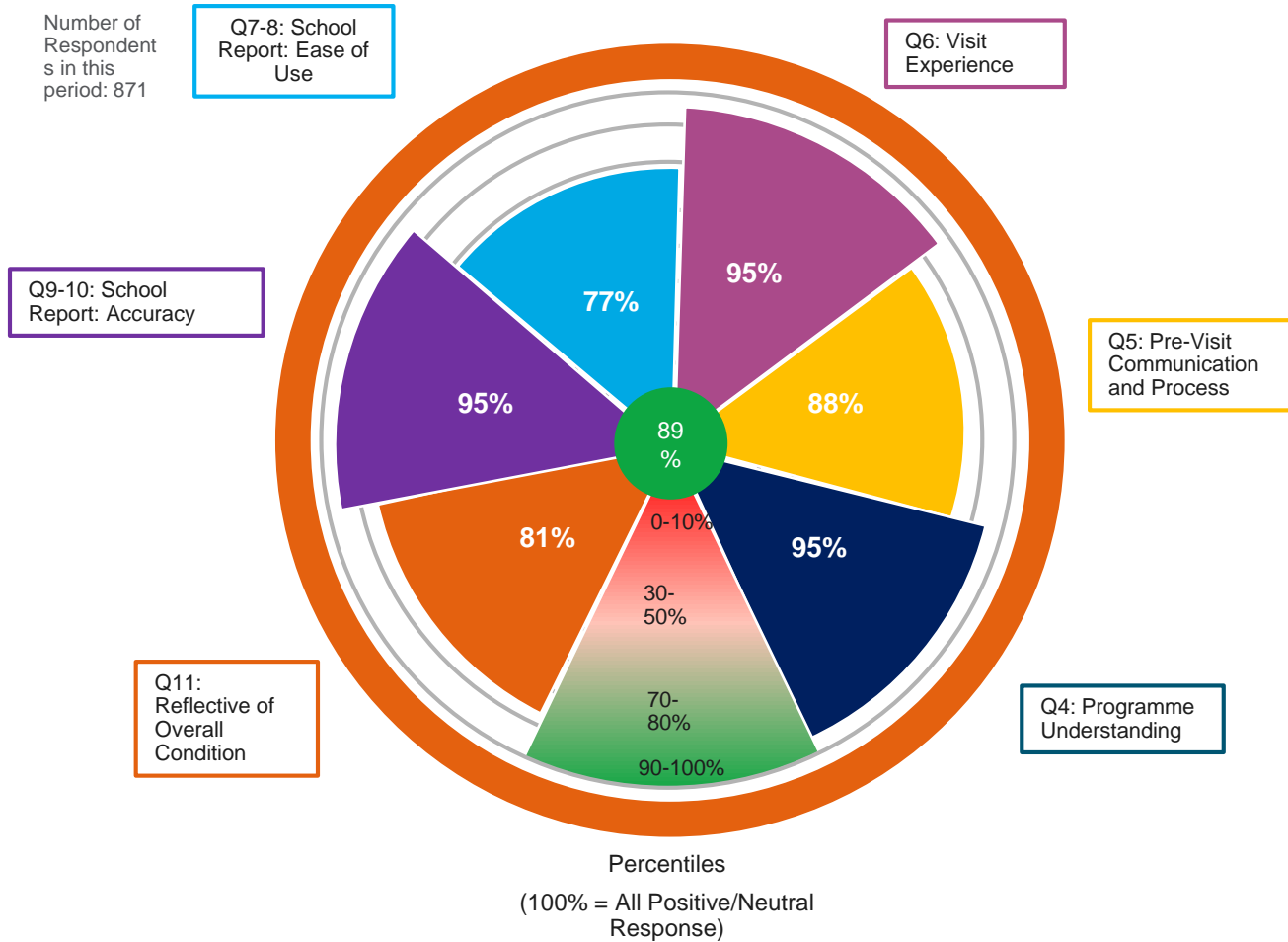
- By end of May we have received 871 submissions (a 7% response rate)
- Positive feedback on:
  - Engagement (including comms)
  - Understanding of CDC process
  - Visit experience
  - Content of school condition reports
  - But....a minority of schools asking for further clarity on methodology of data collection and on condition grade assessments; and further guidance on accessing reports



## Overall Response Summary:

89% of responses were Positive/Neutral across questions 4-11

Number of Respondents in this period: 871



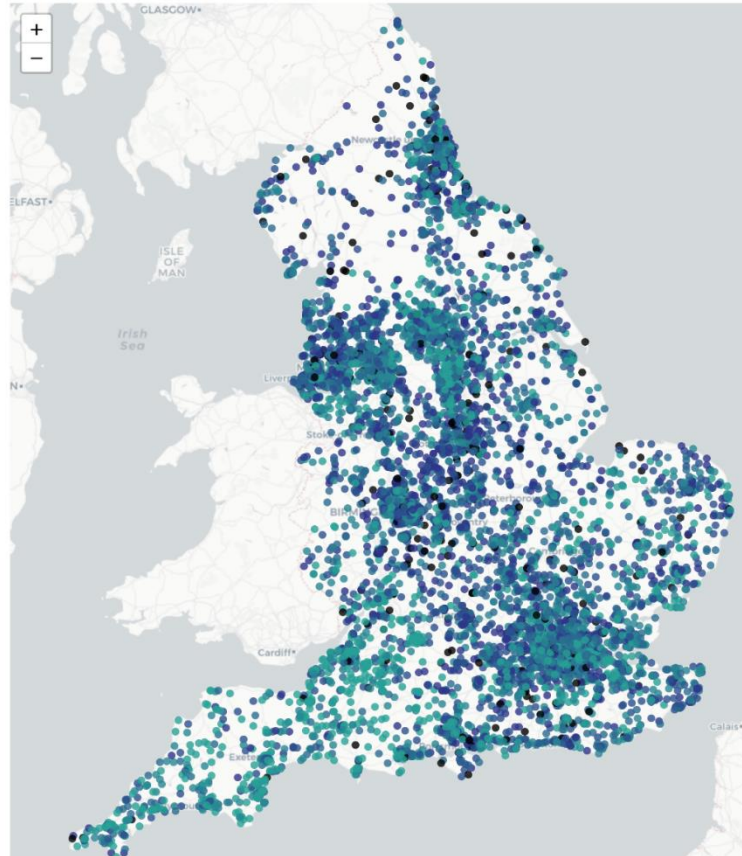
# Emerging findings

- These are projections and are based on 40% of the school estate
- The overall size of the estate has increased since PDS
- The previous identified “high needs” group of schools, from PDS data, have improved their condition but the normal group (non high needs) of schools have shown a deterioration in condition
- On the basis of data so far, it seems that there will be an increase in the overall condition need of the whole estate



## Emerging findings from CDC data showing how the condition of schools are distributed across the country

Emerging CDC findings



# Lessons learnt

- Slow start to report release
- Functionality of CDC portal
- Managing expectations



# Further Education CDC

- We have extended the CDC programme to include the further education estate
- This will provide us with a comprehensive picture of the condition of government maintained school and college estate in England to inform future capital allocations policy
- Visits started in May 2019 and to finish in December 2019



# Successor to CDC

- We are now planning for a successor to CDC
- We aim to meet the recommendation of the Sebastian James independent review of schools capital - a rolling programme to assess the condition of the school estate
- We envisage a 5 year programme, running from 2020 to 2025
- Similar to CDC and intention is to include all government funded schools and FE institutions in England





# Questions for discussion

- Your experience of the CDC
  - Communications
  - Engagement with surveying organisations
  - CDC portal
  - Condition report content
- Improvements for the CDC programme now & any potential future CDC programme

