

Frequently Asked Questions - settings

Why should we do the Bristol Standard?

It is all about Quality Improvement for your setting and moving forward. It brings teams together through a journey of reflection and self-evaluation. The final document can be used to show Ofsted as evidence of commitment to improvements (see Top Ten uses for your Bristol Standard folder).

How much time will it take?

It takes a year to complete each submission.

You should dedicate a meeting each month and these should be an hour in length. It is important that 2 weeks before the meeting everyone has a copy of the dimension to read in preparation.

If you are going to word-process the submission it might save time during the meeting if whilst someone is scribing responses, another person is typing up.

Does everyone in the team need to be involved?

Yes definitely. The Bristol Standard is a whole team effort in which everyone has an equal voice. This way everyone feels valued and has ownership.

How do we get the paperwork?

It is available electronically to download from this website. Go to the Information link page.

Does it have to be type-written?

No, it is up to you how you present it. It can be handwritten or word-processed.

How much evidence do we need?

You need evidence to back up what is written in the areas of strength now. A lot of the evidence will cover several dimensions so can be cross-referenced. Ideally it should fit into one folder.

How big does the file have to be?

We don't want huge folders. Remember to cross-reference evidence from other dimensions.

What if we complete a target before we submit (full submission)?

We suggest you keep a separate file with this evidence in so that you have everything together for your Interim submission. This will be part of your Progress Report for the Interim.

What if staff members change?

This is brilliant because you have a document to work from with new staff members.

What if we're becoming a children's centre?

The Bristol Standard is an excellent way to bring good practice and teams together.