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Reducing the burden of inspection – main recurring points from written comments

1. Working together in partnership and more collaboratively, focusing on improvement, how to develop practice and self-evaluation; build upon, for example, the Empowering Improvement programme.

All Phases	50%
Further Education	33%
Work-based Learning	40%
European Social Fund	14%
Nursery & Pre-school	31%
Primary	64%
Post-Primary	70%
EOTAS	50%
Special	50%

2. More regular engagement with the District Inspector; positive, professional relationships, professional dialogue and quality feedback.

All Phases	29%
Further Education	33%
Work-based Learning	80%
European Social Fund	43%
Nursery & Pre-school	27%
Primary	29%
Post-Primary	30%
EOTAS	7%
Special	40%

3. Clarity about expectations and documentation requirements; clearly defined areas that are to be inspected and the importance of a pre-inspection visit.

All Phases	25%
Further Education	67%
Work-based Learning	20%
European Social Fund	7%
Nursery & Pre-school	18%
Primary	31%
Post-Primary	26%
EOTAS	21%
Special	30%

4. More frequent, focused, less intense and light touch engagement with inspectors.

All Phases	16%
Further Education	67%
Work-based Learning	0%
European Social Fund	36%
Nursery & Pre-school	16%
Primary	19%
Post-Primary	4%
EOTAS	0%
Special	0%

5. Greater account taken of the school's/organisation's context, for example, available physical, human and financial resources.

All Phases	8%
Further Education	0%
Work-based Learning	0%
European Social Fund	0%
Nursery & Pre-school	8%
Primary	13%
Post-Primary	2%
EOTAS	0%
Special	0%

6. Reduce the burden of paperwork for an inspection.

All Phases	8%
Further Education	33%
Work-based Learning	0%
European Social Fund	7%
Nursery & Pre-school	18%
Primary	0%
Post-Primary	7%
EOTAS	7%
Special	0%

7. Human nature means inspection will always bring some degree of stress.

All Phases	6%
Further Education	0%
Work-based Learning	0%
European Social Fund	7%
Nursery & Pre-school	8%
Primary	6%
Post-Primary	0%
EOTAS	7%
Special	0%