

Making the most of the Raising Standards Guides

What are they?

The **Raising Standards Guides** are interactive resources. Each of the 13 guides in the series deals with a different context of learning. When produced, the guides were intended to help practitioners and managers improve the quality of teaching and managing LLN provision.

Note that although the guides use the earlier five **Common Inspection Framework** questions rather than the current framework for inspection the resources identified are still of relevance.

How to use them

The introduction sets out the policy background for each context of learning. The five questions of the Common Inspection Framework (CIF) are then broken down into a series of 'checkpoints'.

Clicking on a checkpoint will open suggestions for **what** each CIF question means in **your** context. The sections headed '*How to achieve success*' for each CIF question offer expert advice on **how** you can achieve success in each of the five areas covered by the CIF. These sections include sample materials which you can download, save or print.

In the next section, '*What is success?*' there is an opportunity to see **what** success might look like in **your** context through a series of case studies. The case studies are again positioned under each of the five questions of the Common Inspection Framework, so you always know what aspect of provision they are illustrating.

Finally, how success is recognised and reported on at inspection in your context is considered. Quotes from inspection reports that illustrate good practice in each of the five areas covered by the Common Inspection Framework are included. In many cases, you can link to the full report to find out more.

More about the content

Some of the features include:

- lateral links between the guides, so that one aspect can be examined across all the guides – for example, to compare leadership and management across all 13 contexts of learning
- downloadable examples of individual learning plans, schemes of work and mission statements – actual documents used by teachers and managers
- revised and updated case studies, many with links to web resources
- the facility to save individual pages or sections in an e-notebook for reading or printing later
- a comprehensive interactive glossary with over 500 entries that link directly to further resources and information
- links to a wide range of paper-based and web resources, through a comprehensive resource bank
- a focus throughout the guides on how the Government's Skills and Skills for Life strategies relate to a specific context and how to interpret this in practice.