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What do we want from the Local Authority Quality Forum?

Today marks the launch of the LAQF. Although these are very early days, we would like to start the process of collecting views about how the Forum should develop going forward and how it can add most value for audited bodies and other participants. We plan to continue this dialogue at future events.

At this stage, we welcome any views or suggestions in response to some or all of the following questions:

1. How should LAQF develop in order to deliver maximum value for attendees?

2. Should its primary focus be on running periodic one day events, like today's, or on different types of events/services?

3. Should events be narrowly focused on specific themes (eg the role of the audit committee or internal audit, or the challenges of early closure of accounts) or should they aim to cover a number of relevant themes?

4. Should events attempt to cover both technical (*eg changes to the CIPFA/LASAAC Accounting Code of Practice*) and strategic (*eg the financial sustainability challenges facing audited bodies*) themes?

5. How frequently should Forum events be held and, given LAQF's national membership, where should future events be located?

6. Should the Forum aim to tap into the experiences of other sectors (*eg the NHS, central Government or the private sector*) and other jurisdictions in the UK or more widely?

7. Should the Forum develop a simple online portal and, if so, what sort of information should it make available?

8. Any other views or suggestions?

Thank you for your help. Please feel free to feed in any further comments or ideas at any time by emailing: generalenquiries@psaa.co.uk

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