

	Refined Question	Answer
1	Does INSPIRE place obligations on organisations that are not public bodies (e.g. utility companies)?	<p>Yes, in some cases. INSPIRE places obligations on any public authority which produces or receives a spatial dataset, or manages or updates a spatial dataset, within the scope of its public task. If a public authority contracts a third party – which could mean a commercial company – to perform any or all of these functions, then the INSPIRE obligations for the dataset fall on the third party. This applies also to INSPIRE Network Services related to INSPIRE datasets.</p> <p>The meaning of 'public authority' in the INSPIRE Regulations follows Section 3(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This meaning includes publicly-owned companies which produce or receive a spatial dataset, or manage or update a spatial dataset, within the scope of their public task, and related INSPIRE Network Services for the datasets.</p>
2	Do we know how much money this has generated for the economy?	<p>We do not have specific figures for the economic benefits of INSPIRE. As the implementation of INSPIRE services is still in its infancy, it is difficult therefore to provide any cost savings. It's important to remember that INSPIRE benefits will accrue over time, especially as download services go live. There is a strategy in place for the UK Location Programme to measure and assess these benefits moving forward. Although there are numerous reports that have been carried out to assess the economic value of spatial data these values are based on the use of geographic information and services in local public services in general whereas INSPIRE promotes a specific technical infrastructure providing data and service interoperability beyond simply making data available for use.</p>
3	What addressing datasets have been published?	Both the National Land, Property Gazetteer and AddressBase have been published.
4	<p>On Open Data, whilst there may be movements in the 'same direction', there have already been examples of slight contradiction of policies and messages, and it questions if the transparency agenda is being managed effectively in terms of resource? For example for every data.gov.uk, you have a http://openlylocal.com/. Is there a danger public sector orgs could be pulled apart by horses?</p>	<p>To help mitigate some of these concerns, the Public Sector Transparency Board has been established in the Cabinet Office to support public sector organisations as they fulfil the Government's transparency and open data commitments. The Board's responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) setting open data standards across the public sector (ii) driving through the opening up of datasets according to public demand (iii) developing the right to data alongside the Ministry of Justice and advising on its implication. <p>The Transparency Board is aware of INSPIRE and the UKLP's work. Additionally other groups such as the data strategy board and Open Data institute are briefed on INSPIRE and UKLP.</p>

5	Will there be an explicit list of datasets required? Without it, isn't it very difficult to approach data custodians regarding providing/sharing their data?	It is the responsibility of each public body to identify the datasets that they hold that are within scope of INSPIRE. There is guidance on the scope of each INSPIRE theme available in the INSPIRE data specifications and the UK Location Programme can provide some help via uklocation.help@defra.gsi.gov.uk . The Local Government Association (LGA) have provided an indicative list for local government. Local authorities can get a copy of this from LGA at INSPIRE@local.gov.uk .
6	LGA has made a case for a central view and discovery service. What's the progress on that?	The Local Government Association wrote to all Local Authority INSPIRE contacts on 7th February to set out the current position. Local authorities can get a copy of the letter from LGA at INSPIRE@local.gov.uk .
7	When will there be a specification released for re-structuring current datasets?	Data specifications have been released for all INSPIRE themes these are available on the EU INSPIRE Website: http://inspire.jrc.ec.europa.eu/
8	What is the progress on exemptions from the OS for download services (WFS) regarding OS derived data?	Enquiries about the OS Exemptions and PSMA licensing for INSPIRE should be made to the PSMA helpdesk or nominated relationship managers.
9	We have some data which is in-scope of INSPIRE but is not good enough to be shown to the public do we still have to publish it?	Yes, data publishers must facilitate the download of whole or part datasets in compliance with INSPIRE and set up view services unless an exemption under regulation 9 of The INSPIRE Regulations 2009/3157 can be justifiably applied.
10	What is deadline date for making annex3 available to download?	View and download services for Annex III data MUST be available by December 2013.
11	Is there any funding going to be made available specifically to help develop applications to publish the data?	Generally funding is not being made available to help develop applications to publish data. UKLP have provided Open Source tools that data publishers can reuse. For Local Government The LGA and UK Location Programme are working together to support authorities in meeting the INSPIRE requirements. We are looking for solutions to reduce the burden on local authorities and assessing options for using existing publishing services at local or national level or developing a local government specific national hosting service.
12	How does GEOSS relate to data.gov.uk?	Data.gov.uk provides access to over 1000 location datasets - including some which are also within the GEOSS catalogue. Signposting to INSPIRE compliant datasets on GEOSS is one approach that could be taken by data publishers to supplement any publishing on data.gov.uk. However publishing only to GEOSS is not recommended as datasets must be registered with data.gov.uk to be considered INSPIRE compliant.
13	At the 2012 Inspire conferences the view was that Gemini2.1 may be too much information for the metadata required for Inspire - are there helpful examples (i.e. from Annex 1/2) to provide a benchmark dataset?	Metadata conforming to UK GEMINI 2.1 must be used to publish UK INSPIRE resources. There is guidance on how to complete UK GEMINI 2.1 metadata for INSPIRE in our Discovery Metadata Service (DMS) Operational Guidance. This guidance can be accessed at http://data.gov.uk/library/uk-location-discovery-metadata-service-operational-guide .

14	Local Authorities typically might hold dozens if not hundreds of relevant datasets. These may have been compiled by different people using different techniques to differing qualities. The effort to provide even reliable metadata for some of these is potentially great. There is a concern that as soon as discovery metadata is published that many people may ask for this data to be supplied. In these difficult economic times LAs do not have the resources to manage this.	The LGA and UK Location programme are working together to support authorities in meeting the INSPIRE requirements. We are looking for solutions to reduce the burden on local authorities. Delivering data using services should reduce the need to supply data on a request by request basis.
15	What format will the data download be to GIS users, is ESRI, MapInfo, or something else. Will users then be required to convert to a friendly format using out the box conversion tools within vanilla software?	INSPIRE requires data publishers to deliver data using web services, WMS for viewing data and WFS for downloading data. There is an option to provide an atom feed pointing to data in traditional file base formats, the format of these files is not specified, However this file based approach is not recommended by the UK Location Programme as it will not deliver the benefits of INSPIRE.
16	Is the ESRI INSPIRE metadata template Gemini2 compliant?	UK Location Programme does not endorse or critique how third parties implement the INSPIRE standards and therefore we cannot comment on individual suppliers solutions. In such cases you are advised to contact the supplier concerned, in this case ESRI. Although compliance with the INSPIRE Regulations 2009/3157 is largely achieved through self regulation we are in the process of developing an assurance service to allow central oversight of data/metadata/service quality. This will ensure that all data and services (irrespective of the implementation solution used) meet the INSPIRE standards. The intention is to have this in place by Spring 2013.
17	Can we export metadata from our own systems into the Metadata Editor?	Yes, existing metadata can be imported into the UK Location Metadata Editor - enabling users to edit and validate discovery metadata resources
18	Gemini is now at version 2.2. Will there be any further changes as we don't want to do metadata work twice. Also does online editor use v2.2? thanks	It is likely that there will be further revisions to the UK GEMINI2 standard will be required as both INSPIRE and user requirements change and evolve. However, any revisions to the standard are unlikely to require major amendment of metadata beyond routine maintenance. In fact, an update to the UK Metadata Online Editor is due to go live early March 2013 to bring the editor in line with UK GEMINI2.2.
19	Whose responsibility is it to create the View and download services?	Under INSPIRE the public body that creates and maintains the data is responsible for publishing it, they may create the view and download services to do this themselves or publish through an agent (e.g. another public body or a contractor)
20	As we are publishing similar datasets, could make sense for a small user group to be set up to work on a business case, rather than several hundred do the same thing?	We recognise the value in working collaboratively to publish data, indeed INSPIRE will only be delivered if we work together, UKLP has facilitated workshops and communities of practice in the past and will continue to as required.

21	How much money is realistically needed to deliver this?	It is hard to estimate how much it will cost an organisation to implement INSPIRE it is dependent on the number of datasets, current technology stack, available skills, IT/data delivery models etc.
22	Where are other EU countries at in regard to Annex I, II and III in comparison to the UK and has there been any action taken against non compliance in respect of other EU countries?	<p>The INSPIRE Directive requires Member States to report annually a number of indicators for monitoring the implementation and use of their infrastructures for spatial information. The information provided includes a list of spatial datasets and services belonging to those infrastructures.</p> <p>Member States must also prepare and submit a report (every three years, starting in 2010) which includes information on the coordinating structures, on the use of the infrastructure for spatial information, on data-sharing agreements and on the costs and benefits of implementation. These reports can be accessed at; http://inspire.jrc.ec.europa.eu/index.cfm/pageid/182</p>
23	You mentioned the proposal for a single publishing solution for LAs. It seems like there's very limited timeframe for it to go from a business case to delivered, leaving LAs unsure on what to do, waiting to see the result may leave them with little/no time to deliver their own solution?	<p>We are working closely with the Local Government Association to understand the proposal for a single publishing solution. We will have established a clear picture soon. It is open to each local authorities to consider creating its own solution, and no local authority would be tied to use of a single publishing service should one be created.</p> <p>There are key activities which local authorities can carry out now both in preparation for meeting the December 2013 deadline and to make progress on INSPIRE delivery, for example, by identifying datasets held and by creating metadata for them.</p>
24	How do we access the geoportal made available by UK Location?	The UK's geoportal data.gov.uk you can access a list of all the location datasets and services using this url: http://data.gov.uk/data/search?ext_bbox=-20.48,48.79,3.11,62.66
25	What about HSE publishing COMAH sites?	It is expected that these datasets would fall under the INSPIRE Annex III theme - Area Management/Restriction Reporting Zones/Reporting Units and be published by the relevant bodies however they may not be published if publishing them would present a threat to national security.

26	Given the current financial climate can you provide some clear advice on what the implications are of the 'Do Nothing' option?	<p>The UK is legally required to fully implement the INSPIRE Directive and failure in whole or part could result in a financial sanction by the EC. Defra carries this risk but could be expected to make a case for fines to be passed down to the organisation that caused the infraction.</p> <p>Just as important is the failure by public authorities to meet their INSPIRE obligations. This would mean that benefits assessed when INSPIRE was transposed would not be realised. The benefits include forecasted savings across the whole of the public sector from improvements in data sharing and reuse, and vital improvements in environmental policy making.</p>
27	At a European level at least observational data falls within scope any views on how this will be handled at UKLP level	We are working with UK-EOF on observations and monitoring data.
28	Could you please let me know if you are aware of any good examples where local authorities have incorporated INSPIRE into their GIS Strategies?	You will find some case studies of how smarter use of location data has led to tangible business benefits including cost savings and improvements in the levels of services offered on the LGA INSPIRE Knowledge hub.