

The Commission launched its Call for Evidence in October 2021, inviting individuals and organisations to respond to a range of questions, offering their views, perspectives and experiences on families and households. We received 391 responses and we are grateful to everyone who shared their time and insights.

The briefing papers in this section reflect the range of responses the Commission received. They do not represent the views of the Commission nor of either Archbishop, but indicate the issues raised by members of the public and representatives from organisations, which will help to inform the Commission's further evidence-gathering activities and areas of focus. The Commission is undertaking a range of activities, including engagement with Church of England Dioceses, meetings with politicians and policymakers, visits to community organisations and projects, and listening events with children and young people.

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