

Section 17 of Part 3 of the Children Act 1989

Rarely worked in the way that was planned

Why is that?

All about support for families of children in need

BACKGROUND

PURPOSE

To identify factors that affect how local authorities interpret Section 17

To think about whether we could reimagine Section 17



1 What do local authorities understand section 17 to be?

2 What factors affect that understanding?

5 Research Questions

5 What factors enable this to happen?

3 What effect do those factors have?

4 Could Section 17 be interpreted in a different way?

METHOD

Research population: Directors of Children's Services from local authorities

152

14 Semi-structured interviews

9% of population!

Interviews took place between 7 FEB 2023 and 6 MAR 2023

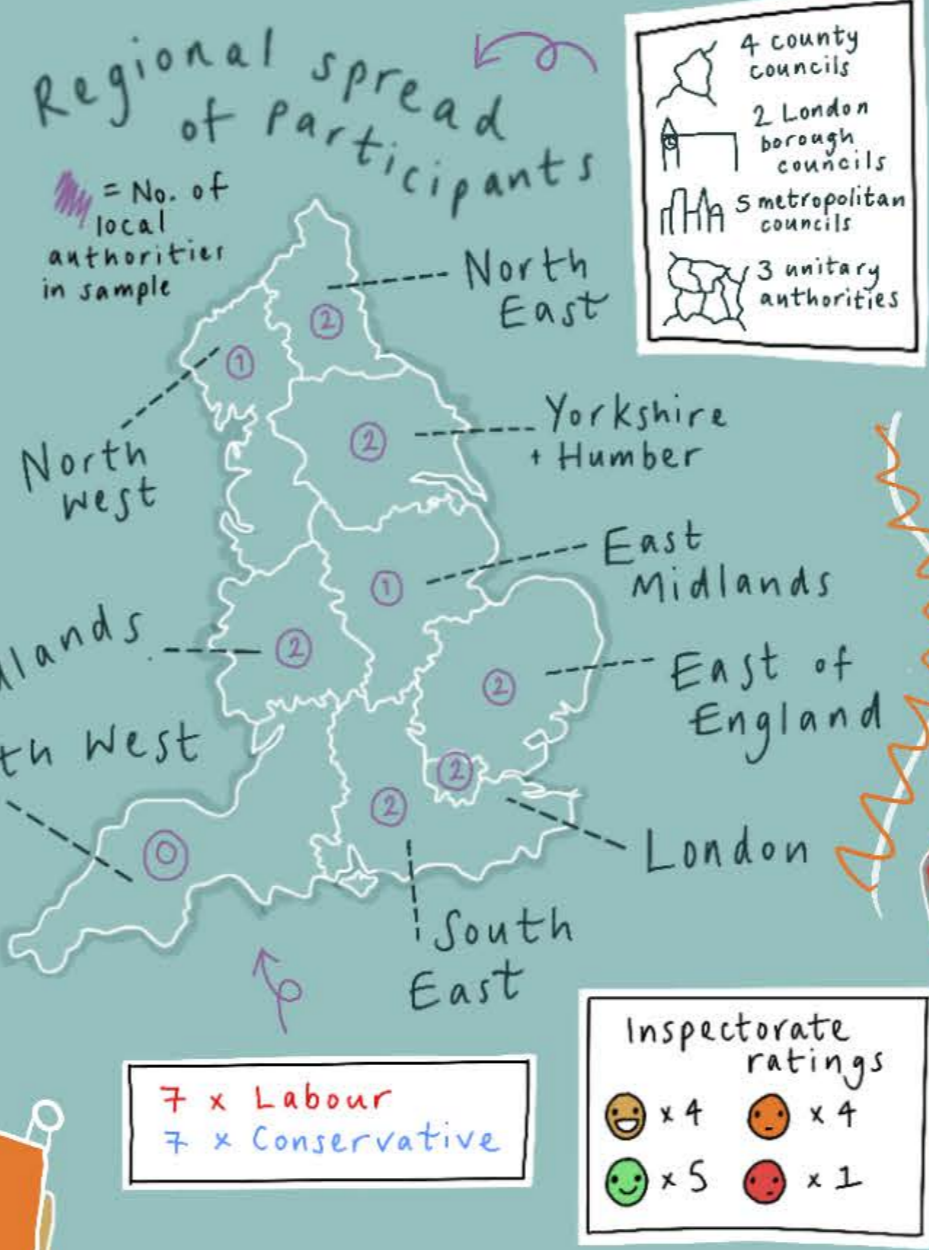
Thematic analysis

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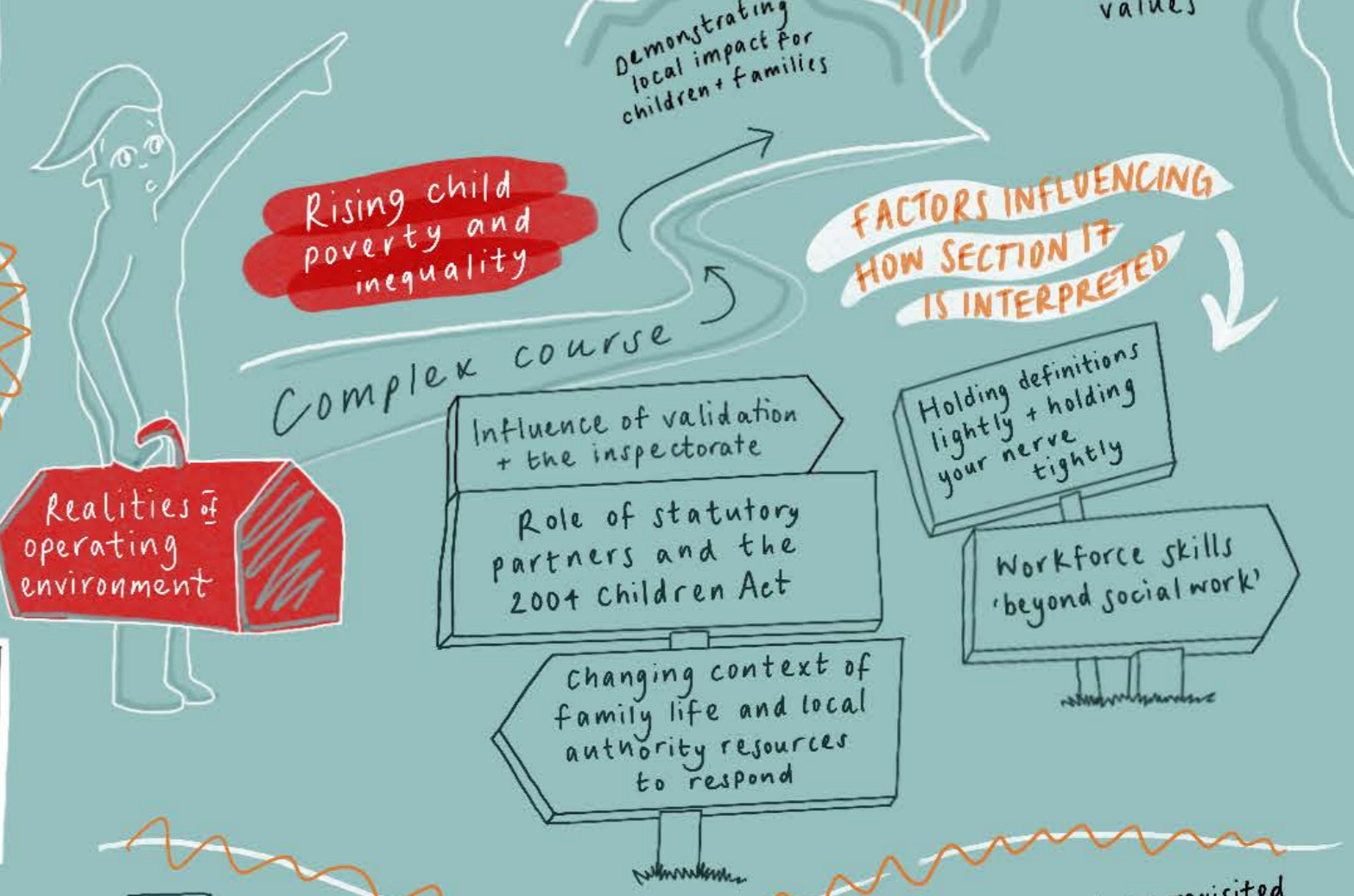
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FINDINGS



IMPLICATIONS

