

New National Indicators for Local Authorities and Local Authority Partnerships

As part of the Comprehensive Spending Review announcement the government published a single set of 198 national indicators, which will be used to underpin the new inspection framework. These are the only indicators against which local authority performance will be reported and the only measures against which the government can agree targets with a local authority or partnership.

DCLG are currently consulting local authorities on the collection methodology, frequency and reporting of these indicators. It is key to note that they are not consulting on their inclusion nor on the balance of indicators within the suite. The closing date for this consultation is the 21st December 2007.

95 of the national indicators are existing measures, with 39 being new indicators whose definitions use existing data sources. However 64 of the national indicators are completely new measures for which there are no baselines available.

49 of the national indicators relate to the Safer and Stronger Communities Block and of these 14 indicators relate to the Stronger Communities element.

Ref No	Title / Definition	Existing Indicator	Collection Method
NI1	% of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area	Y	New Place Survey
NI2	% of people who feel that they belong to their neighbourhood	N	New Place survey
NI3	Civic participation in the local area	N	New Place Survey
NI4	% of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality	Y	New Place Survey
NI5	Overall/general satisfaction with the local area	N	New Place Survey
NI6	Participation in regular volunteering	N	New Place Survey
NI7	Environment for a thriving third sector	N	Formula proposed
NI8	Adult participation in Sport	Y	Sports England Active People Survey
NI9	Use of Public libraries	N	Formula Proposed
NI10	Visits to museums and	N	Taking Part survey pr

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	galleries		Places Survey
NI11	Engagement in Arts	N	Consultants looking at how the data can be collected locally
NI12	Refused and deferred HMO licence applications leading to immigration enforcement activity.	N	Formula is proposed
NI13	Migrants English language skills and knowledge	N	LA education Statistics
NI14	Avoidable contact. The average No. of customer contacts per resolved request	N	Via LA statistics. Consultation prescribes the operational areas to be covered by this indicator.