

## What are Local Area Agreements?

Local area agreements are the new way in which central government has decided to pool and focus its funding on locally identified priorities. They are three year agreements between central government (represented by the regional government office), local authorities and its partners (through the LSP) which agree targets on the most pertinent issues for a community.

Local authorities are expected to use the focus provided by these targets to spend their area based grant, a pooled funding stream paid<sup>1</sup> directly to local authorities and including its homeless grant and Supporting People fund<sup>2</sup>. If certain LAA targets (improvement indicators) are met local authorities are rewarded by central government with additional funding.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> June 2008 central government signed off the second round of Local Area Agreements for a three year period starting April 2009.

## Housing and Local Area Agreements

Guidance on the development of Local Area Agreements stipulates that local authorities include up to 35 incentivised targets out of a potential [list of 198](#) national indicators. The 198 indicators are all currently collated by government departments with the exception of 20 indicators which relate to the opinions of local residents and will be collected by a new survey administered by local authorities<sup>3</sup>.

The 198 indicators include information relating to Supporting People & usage of temporary accommodation but do not include figures for the number of people presenting to a local authority, also known as P1E returns.

In addition to the 35 improvement indicators, local authorities are further required to include 16 mandatory targets set by the Department for Children, Schools and Families on educational attainment and encouraged to add locally negotiated targets, for which no extra funding will be available, but on which a joint effort would be made.

In 2007 Homeless Link lobbied local authorities for the particular inclusion of the following indicators, thought to directly relate to the work of frontline homeless agencies.

- National Indicator 141: 'Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living'
- National Indicator 142: 'Number of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living'
- National Indicator 156: 'Number of households living in temporary accommodation'

Furthermore they recommended a number of indicators that tackling homeless may contribute towards achieving i.e. reducing re-offending, reducing substance misuse, providing volunteering opportunities etc<sup>4</sup>. They recommended local agencies lobby for a share of the area based grant by showing how their current programmes contributed wider range of

<sup>1</sup> [A list of former grants now included in the Area Based Grant is available by clicking here](#)

<sup>2</sup> [The Supporting People element of the ADF is currently ringfenced following the evaluation of Pathfinder project to assess the impact of delivering Supporting People funding through a non-ringfenced grant.](#) National pilots are currently underway in Norfolk and Essex.

<sup>3</sup> [Guidance on this survey is available online.](#)

<sup>4</sup> [For further information see the Triangle Consulting paper - Demonstrating a valuable contribution on homelessness within the national indicators](#) (2007) produced for the London Housing Federation

local areas targets.

## Measuring up: Inclusion of Housing targets in Eastern Region LAA's

In contrast to the other government regions the East of England recorded the highest proportion of local authorities in any region to include either NI 141 or NI 142. 90% of our local authorities included one of the two, compared to 64% nationally.

When comparing the regions, The East of England outperformed other regions by:

- recording the highest proportion of local authorities in any region to include 141 - 60% (Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex)
- showing the second highest proportion of local authorities in any region to include 142 - 30%(Southend, Luton and Peterborough)
- recording the highest proportion of local authorities in any region to include 154 (no. of net homes provided) - 90%

[For more information on the East of England's performance against other regions click here.](#)

The table below shows the inclusion of the NI 141, 142 and 156 across the region. It highlights an interesting split between county authorities (most likely to pick 141) and 142(more likely to pick 142). All of the indicators below are full "improvement indicators"

LAA Area	NI 141		NI 142		NI 156	
	Target	Uplift needed	Target	Uplift needed	Target	Uplift needed
Bedfordshire	67%	+15%	98.5% <sup>b</sup>	-0.9%		
Cambridgeshire	70%	+ 8%				
Essex	86%	+15%				
Hertfordshire	71%	+12%			To be set	
Luton			99%	+8.6%	446	
Norfolk	70%	+10%	99%	-0.3%		
Peterborough			98%	+1.7%	66	+0
Southend on Sea			99%			
Suffolk	70%	+4.4%				
Thurrock						

Norfolk County Council also included a local indicator to ensure 85% of homeless applications involve a joint assessment by 2010/2010<sup>6</sup>.

Other common included indicators, tackled directly or indirectly by homeless services included:

- NI 6: Participation in regular volunteering
- NI 8: Adult participation in sport and active recreation
- NI 18: Adult re-offending rates for those under probation supervision
- NI 32: Repeat instances of domestic violence
- NI 39: Rate of hospital admissions for alcohol related harm per 100,000
- NI 40: Number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment
- NI 117: No. of 16-17 year olds not in employment, education or training
- NI 130: Social care clients receiving self directed support per 1,000 inc. individualised budgets

The document to this appendix outlines what housing targets are included in each document.

<sup>5</sup> Local indicator only

<sup>6</sup> Relates to a joint assessment procedure including local authorities, YOT, Probation, PCT and Adult/Childrens services. Not current in place.

## What next?

The inclusion of housing targets within local area agreements for the region provides an opportunity for targeted lobbying for the area based grant. An understanding of how your work contributes to the targets identified is essential.

To help with identifying your impact Homeless Link has created a Local Area Agreement toolkit available on its website.

This toolkit helps you to profile the work that your organisation does against the national indicators in your Local Area Agreement. It will provide you with a printable report that you can use in discussions with commissioners about how your work fits into the strategic priorities in your local area. The toolkit contains case studies of homelessness services that have linked their work to the specific LAA indicators and examples of data and research that could support your case. [Click here for details](#)

For further details on this document or best practice around including homeless services in LAA's contact Chris Cornell, Regional Manager, Homeless Link on [chris.cornell@homelesslink.org.uk](mailto:chris.cornell@homelesslink.org.uk)

## Appendix 1

Title	<a href="#">Bedfordshire's Local Area Agreement 2008</a>		
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	Relevant Indicators		Target 10/11	Baseline
Targets: Housing related	NI 54	No. of net homes provided 2965 year 1, 2820 year 2, 3080 year 3	8865	
	NI 141	No of vulnerable people achieving independent living 64% .Bedford, 79% Mid Beds, 80% South Beds	67%	52% (07/08)
	NI 142	Percentage of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living (LOCAL ONLY)	98.5%	99.4%(07/08)
Targets: Causal factors	NI 32	Repeat instances of domestic violence	To be set	38%
	NI 40	Number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment	742	693(07/08)
	NI130	Social care clients receiving self directed support per 100,000 Target is for, equivalent to 50% of people receiving community based services to be in receipt of self directed support(individual budgets or direct payments)	5327	
Targets: Preventative measures	NI 6	Participation in regular volunteering (LOCAL ONLY)	To be set	
	NI 7	Environment for thriving third sector (LOCAL ONLY)	To be set	
	NI 8	Adult participation in sport and active recreation	26.1%	21% (06/07)
	NI 11	Engagement in the arts (LOCAL ONLY)	To be set	
	NI 110	No. of young people engaged in positive activities	To be set	
	NI 117	16-18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment	5.3%	6.5% (06/07)

Title	<a href="#">Cambridgeshire's Local Area Agreement 2008</a>		
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	Relevant Indicators		Target 10/11)	Baseline
Targets: Housing related	NI 141	Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living	70%	62.2%(07/08)
	NI 154	No. of net homes provided	5320	3451
	NI 155	No. of affordable homes delivered(gross) Target is 27% of gross build	1436	52% (07/08)
Targets: Causal factor	NI 32	Repeat instances of domestic violence	To be set	38%
Targets: Preventative measures	NI 110	No. of young people engaged in positive activities	To be set	
	NI 148	Care leavers in education, employment or training	73%	57%

Title	<a href="#">Essex's Local Area Agreement: Liberating Potential , Fulfilling Livers</a>			
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	Relevant Indicators		Target 10/11)	Baseline
Targets: Housing related	NI 141	No of vulnerable people achieving independent living	86%	71%(07/08)
	NI 154	No. of net homes provided 535 Basildon, 880 Chelmsford, 1000 Colchester, 400 Harlow)	2815	
	NI 155	No. of affordable homes delivered(gross) (LOCAL ONLY)	1321	679(06/07)
	NI 156	No. of households living in temporary accommodation	1171	1526 (Q4 07)
Targets: Causal factors	NI 18	Adult re-offending rates for those under probation supervision	To be set	8.5%
	NI 32	Repeat instances of domestic violence(LOCAL ONLY)	4522	5015(07)
	NI 39	Rate of Hospital Admissions for Alcohol Related Harm per 100,000 population	1337	1153(07/08)
Targets: Preventative measures	NI 6	Participation in regular volunteering (LOCAL ONLY)	To be set	
	NI 8	Adult participation in sport and active recreation	24.2	20.2(05/06)
	NI 11	Engagement in the arts (LOCAL ONLY)	To be set	
	NI 110	No. of young people engaged in positive activities	To be set	
	NI 117	16-18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment	5.5%	6.6%(06/07)

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	Relevant Indicators		Target 10/11)	Baseline
Targets: Housing related	NI 141	No of vulnerable people achieving independent living	71%	59.3 (Q3 07)
	NI 154	No. of net homes provided	4700	3600(07/08)
Targets: Causal factors	NI 32	Repeat instances of domestic violence	To be set	
	NI 40	Number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment	+5%	To be set
Targets: Preventative measures	NI 8	Adult participation in sport and active recreation	25.9%	21.9(05/06)

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	Relevant Indicators		Target 10/11)	Baseline
Targets: Housing elated	NI 142	Percentage of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living	99%	90.43%
	NI 154	No. of net homes provided	1380	
	NI 156	No. of households living in temporary accommodation	446	892
	NI 155	No. of affordable homes delivered(gross) (LOCAL ONLY)	To be set	
Targets: Causal factors	NI 39	Rate of Hospital Admissions for Alcohol Related Harm per 100,000 population	1759	1556
	NI 32	Repeat instances of domestic violence(LOCAL ONLY)	To be set	
Targets: Preventative measures	NI 8	Adult participation in sport and active recreation	22.5%	18%
	NI 11	Engagement in the arts (LOCAL ONLY)	To be set	

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	Relevant Indicators		Target 10/11)	Baseline
Targets: Housing elated	NI 141	No of vulnerable people achieving independent living	70%	60%
	NI 142	Percentage of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living Target relates to those living in accommodation based service. Target for those with generic/specialist floating support is 97%(baseline 95.5%)	99.3%	99
	NI 154	No. of net homes provided 800 Breckland, 560 North Norfolk, 1000 Kings Lynn & West Norfolk, 385 Broadland, 1300 Norwich, 1030 South Norfolk, 275 Great Yarmouth	5350	5000
	NI 155	No. of affordable homes delivered(gross)	1400	531
		No. of decent homes in private sector (LOCAL ONLY)	70%	
		Percentage of homeless applications which involve a joint assessment (LOCAL ONLY) Assessments include local authorities, YOT, Probation, PCT and Adult/Children's services	85%	
Targets: Causal factors	NI 18	Adult re-offending rates for those under probation supervision	To be set	
	NI 32	Repeat instances of domestic violence(LOCAL ONLY)	To be set	
	NI 39	Rate of Hospital Admissions for Alcohol Related Harm per 100,000 population	1,420	1217(06/07)
	NI 40	Number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment(LOCAL ONLY)	To be set	
	NI130	Social care clients receiving self directed support per 100,000	2,555	1840
Targets: Preventative measures	NI 6	Participation in regular volunteering(LOCAL ONLY)	To be set	
	NI 7	Environment for thriving third sector (LOCAL ONLY)	To be set	
	NI 8	Adult participation in sport and active recreation	24.2%	19.7%
	NI 117	16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training	5.2\$	6.2%(06/07)

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	Relevant Indicators		Target 10/11)	Baseline
Targets: Housing elated	NI 142	Percentage of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living	98%	96.93(06/07)
	NI 154	No. of net homes provided	1420	989(04/05)
	NI 155	No. of affordable homes delivered(gross)	457	144 (04/05)
		No. of decent homes in private sector (LOCAL ONLY)	72%	66%
Targets: Causal factors	NI 32	Repeat instances of domestic violence	To be set	
	NI 40	Number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment	+23%	To be set
Targets: Preventative measures	NI 6	Participation in regular volunteering	To be set	
	NI 117	16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training	7.1%	8.43%(05/06)

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	Relevant Indicators		Target 10/11)	Baseline
Targets: Housing elated	NI 55	No. of affordable homes delivered(gross)	160	25
	NI 142	Percentage of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living	99%	
	NI 156	No. of households living in temporary accommodation	66	66
	NI 158	Percentage of non decent council homes	29%	63%(07/08)
Targets: Causal factors	NI 39	Rate of Hospital Admissions for Alcohol Related Harm per 100,000 population	1998	1696
	NI 40	Number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment(LOCAL ONLY)	539	440
Targets: Preventative measures	NI 8	Adult participation in sport and active recreation(LOCAL ONLY)	25.5%	21%
	NI 11	Engagement in the arts	+1.5%	To be set
	NI 117	16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training	5.3%	5.9%

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	Relevant Indicators		Target 10/11)	Baseline
Targets: Housing elated	NI 141	No of vulnerable people achieving independent living	70%	65.65%
	NI 154	No. of net homes provided 1,300 Ipswich/Suffolk Coastal, 540 St Edmundsbury, 285 Barbergh	2125	2204
	NI 155	No. of affordable homes delivered(gross) (LOCAL ONLY)	3236	
Targets: Causal factors	NI 32	Repeat instance s of domestic violence	To be set	
Targets: Preventative	NI 8	Adult participation in sport and active recreation	24.3%	19.8%

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	Relevant Indicators		Target 10/11)	Baseline
Targets: Housing elated	NI 154	No. of net homes provided	2820 total	
	NI 155	No. of affordable homes delivered(gross) (LOCAL ONLY)	987 dwellings	0(07/08)
Targets: Causal factors	NI 32	Repeat instances of domestic violence(LOCAL ONLY)	25%	34.47%
	NI149	Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in settled accommodation	To be set	
Targets: Preventative measures	NI 6	Participation in regular volunteering(LOCAL ONLY)	13.2%	
	NI 7	Environment for thriving third sector	To be set	
	NI 8	Adult participation in sport and active recreation(LOCAL ONLY)	23%	16% (05)
	NI 148	Care leavers in education, employment & training(LOCAL ONLY)	62%	55%