

NATIONAL INDICATORS (NIs) RELATING TO SAFER COMMUNITIES

1. Attached to this report is a schedule showing the outturn position for 2008/09, where known, for each of the NIs with direct relevance to the Safer Communities agenda.
2. Some of these indicators reflect priorities agreed by the Partnership, on the basis of public consultation, and others do not (e.g. NI 16 serious acquisitive crime rate).
3. The most striking fact is the sheer number: 37 of the 198 NIs are relevant to Safer Communities.
4. Wherever possible, results have been colour coded. In some cases this has not been possible, either because no targets were set (typically when there was no previous year's baseline data available, and / or the issue in question was not a priority), because the NI has not been introduced, because the figures are not available, or because the NI has already been deleted from the national system.
5. Of those which can be colour coded, the breakdown is as follows:
 - (a) GREEN – 9
 - (b) AMBER – 3
 - (c) RED – 3
6. The three red indicators are:-
 - NI 15 (already covered in detail at item 10 on today's agenda)
 - NI 42 – perceptions of drug use or drug dealing as a problem (taken from the Place survey)
 - NI 115 – substance misuse by young people.
7. The three amber indicators are:-
 - NI 40 – depends on the detailed technical definition whether this is amber or green
 - NI 45 – young offenders engagement in suitable education, training and employment – 88.1% achieved, against the national target of 90%, our best ever performance.
 - NI 46 – young offenders' access to suitable accommodation – achieved 99.7% against the national target of 100%, due to one young person declining the offer of suitable accommodation.