

GOVERNMENT OFFICE REPORTING TEMPLATE FOR LAA END YEAR REVIEWS

GOSW HIGHLIGHT REPORT ON DEVON LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (APRIL 06 – MARCH 07)

1) Summary

Devon has built a more rigorous and challenging performance management process during 2006/07, demonstrated by an overall improvement in performance with 47 out of 87 indicators at or above target compared to 31 at the mid-year stage.

Crucially, during the year Devon has reviewed its partnership delivery structures resulting in a more streamlined and effective governance arrangement. The Devon Strategic Partnership Delivery Board is now responsible for the delivery of the LAA in Devon. At their first meeting in March 07 they agreed more robust mechanisms for monitoring, reviewing and managing performance across the whole LAA. It is expected that the fruit of this will be seen as we progress through 2007/8.

There is a risk of a small number of outcomes not being achieved by March 2008. These will be described below.

2) Achievements

CYP1(i) Number of schools achieving Healthy Schools Award

Particularly good outcomes for the healthy schools area where the leader of the national evaluation described the work in Devon as the 'best system in the country.'

CYP4(ii) Level achieved in the standard of youth participation 'Hear by Right'

The 'Hear by Right' standard continues to perform above target. It has been recognised as an area of good practice having reached national advanced standard. It is a key driver of IYSS developments and its principles are seen to be percolating through to other LA/non LA services such as Health and Police.

SSC2(i) Increase the level of reported Domestic Violence incidents to the police

Within the Safer Communities block the most successful aspect of overall performance has been in relation to the Domestic Violence target to improve levels of reporting. On current trends, which are based on sustained good practice, the target for a 10% increase from the baseline year will be significantly over-achieved. This indicates the sound basis of partnership work on domestic abuse work within Devon that has enabled victims to have more

confidence in reporting to the Police safe in the knowledge that action will be taken and support services provided.

HCOP1(iii) Increased participation in the Walking for Health Schemes

This is an LPSA2 target which has already been achieved. Success is down to multi-agency work

HCOP9(i) Smoking quitters at 4 week follow up stage

The target of 5035 was exceeded and it is worth noting that from the October position (1627) achieving the smoking quitter target is a major success and reflects the considerable partnership working that went into increasing the service provision.

3) Risks to the achievement of outcomes

CYP3 (ii) – Increase in the value of housing support commissioned through pooled arrangements

When this indicator was agreed it was anticipated that Devon would be able to use the LAA to pool the children and young people's element of the Supporting People budget. ODPM decided this budget could not be pooled which has limited the achievement to 31% against a target of 100%.

Devon would like to renegotiate this target and further discussions are due to take place with GOSW. If the target cannot be renegotiated then there is a high risk that the original target will not be met.

SSC2 – Percentage of domestic violence offences brought to justice as a proportion of the total number of reported incidents

The target is for a 10% increase from a baseline of 29.8%. At March 07 the figure was 34.5%. Only 4 of the last 18 months has seen this on target with a fall in performance in the last three months.

This was not the target that Devon wanted for the LPSA 2 but this was the target that the Home Office would agree to. Devon recognises that it is not possible to change the target and it was recognised there was a high risk that it would not be achieved.

Devon has produced an action plan which highlights the need for additional resources locally to support this work. The team are taking this forward with partners and will be able to report effectively on progress at the mid-year point.

SSC 3 (vii) Increase the number of offenders engaging with the alcohol Arrest Referral scheme

Although improvement has been made at year end performance was 12.2% below target. This is due to in the main to lack of awareness of the scheme, staff turnover and uncertainty about funding.

Devon has produced an action plan, put a new management structure in place and identified additional resources. Success is predicated on funding announcements to enable effective future planning and takes the timescale for delivery to October 2008.

HCOP 1 (i) – Increased participation in walking, cycling and horse riding at named locations measured by type of user

Final data unavailable at end March 07 although early March figures show large shortfall; data to be updated during the next quarter. The baseline for this target has been renegotiated with CLG –Devon are awaiting confirmation. The stretch would remain the same but this would put this indicator into green.

HCOP 7 (iii) – Number of healthcare staff trained collated by professional role and location

This target has not been set to date. GOSW are engaging with Devon on how they will take this work forward. Without the baseline data to set the target it is unlikely that this target will be met. Hidden harm co-ordinator has now been appointed (after a recruitment freeze) and has been focussing on target HCOP8(v) where the target was missed. The figure provided is a 4 month figure to March 2007 following the appointment of the Hidden Harm Trainer and it delivered over 50% of the full year target.