



North Tyneside Strategic Partnership
Exception Report
Quarter 2 (July-September 2012)

Introduction

The purpose of this exception report is to identify and inform the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership (NTSP) any performance issues in relation to the delivery of the objectives outlined in the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) 2010-13.

The theme partnerships of the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership and their constituent organisations are responsible for the delivery of the priorities outlined in the SCS. The NTSP have identified four priorities in the SCS, each with equal weighting, these are:

- Regeneration
- Quality of life
- Best start in life
- Sense of place

The next section of the report highlights any performance measures which were not on track at the end of Quarter 2.

Performance against measures

A total of 84 high level measures were initially identified to monitor progress against the priorities and aims within the SCS. These included a mix of national and local measures, as well as the measures which were contained within the Local Area Agreement 2008-11.

After the Government announced the abolition of the National Indicator Set in October 2010, a review of the original 84 measures was carried out to ascertain which ones were still available for reporting. Of the original set of measures 63 are still being collected however of these 16 have either had a change of definition or a change in the methodology.

Of these performance measures the following can be reported at the end of Quarter 2.

Regeneration:	
There are no measures to report in this quarter for this priority.	
Quality of life:	
NI016:	Serious acquisitive crime
New:	Violence with injury ¹
NI032:	Repeat incidents of domestic violence
NI039: (PHOF 2.18)	Hospital admissions for alcohol related harm
NI065:	Percentage of children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time.
NI135:	Carers receiving a needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service or advice and information.
NI142:	Percentage of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living.
NI146:	Proportion of adults with learning disabilities in paid employment.
NI192:	Household waste recycled.
ASC014:	The proportion of service users who are supported to live independently and at home.
Best start in life:	
NI053:	Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks
NI056:	Obesity in primary school age children in Year 6 (this is an annually reported measure – the latest data relating to the school year 2011/12 has recently become available).
Quality of life / Sense of place:	
NI195 (a-d)	Improved street and environmental cleanliness - the percentage of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly-tipping.

¹ The LAA measure "NI 020 Assault with less serious injury" which was previously monitored has been deleted by the Home Office. The new measure "Violence with injury" expands this to include all violence against the person offences that have resulted in physical injury.

At the end of Quarter 2, six of these performance measures did not achieve their target.

Comments and proposed actions for measures not on track at the end of quarter two

NI016: Serious acquisitive crime rate (%)

Q2 Target	Q2 Actual
2.18	2.48

Comment on performance:

A spate of thefts from vehicles occurred during June and July, especially in Whitley Bay and North Shields. This has adversely impacted figures for the year up to Q2. Targeted vehicles were often left unsecured overnight. An awareness-raising campaign was launched by the police from late June in problematic areas. The incidence of offences during August and September was within normal bounds. Performance will be monitored on a monthly basis and reported to Safer North Tyneside's Policy and Performance Group.

NI 039 (PHOF 2.18): Hospital admissions for alcohol related harm (rate per 100,000)

Q4 2011/12 Target	Q4 2011/12 Actual
660	810

Comment on performance:

Increasing hospital admissions are being tackled in the short term (1 year) by commissioning a community based service to provide intensive support to dependent drinkers who are frequently admitted to hospital. In the longer term (2-3 years) there will be a range of alcohol intervention and treatment services commissioned for different levels of need.

NI065: Children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time (%)

Q2 Target	Q2 Actual
10.0	15.4

Comment on performance:

The percentage of children who have been subject to a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time stands at 15.4%. In total 104 Child Protection Plans were started in the first 6 months of the year 16 of these were second or subsequent plans. All cases of a second or subsequent plan are subject to challenge by management to ensure the support needs of the families concerned were met during the time no Protection Plan was in place and to ensure there are no alternative actions that can be taken. Ultimately, however all children who are deemed at risk of harm will be made subject to a Protection Plan where necessary. Any lessons learned are taken back into practice.

NI195a: Improved street and environmental cleanliness – the percentage of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of litter (%)

Q2 Target	Q2 Actual
3	4

Comment on performance:

This compares to 1% at this stage last year. Performance has been impacted upon by flooding and periods of high winds.

Following recent severe flooding events, the majority of our environmental teams were redirected to help with the removal of debris and damaged items from flood damaged households. Mechanical street sweeping machines were called upon to assist with the removal of surface water. Saturated ground conditions led to over 20 days of grass cutting being lost which also impacted on litter levels within the Borough. Prior to all grass being cut, litter removal is carried out. Again, those teams were involved in tackling the aftermath of the floods. There was significant damage across the Borough to floral displays and grass verges and as the drier periods occurred staff were redirected to carry out reinstatement work.

NI195c: Improved street and environmental cleanliness – the percentage of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of graffiti (%)

Q2 Target	Q2 Actual
0	1

NI195d: Improved street and environmental cleanliness – the percentage of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of fly-posting (%)

Q2 Target	Q2 Actual
0	1

Comment on performance for NI195 c and d:

Performance at the end of Q2 in 2012/13 looks marginally worse than in 2011/12. At this time last year performance stood at 0%. However, the difference is due to rounding up of the data rather than performance deteriorating.