



A guide to the use of National Indicators

Local Area Agreements are about public service providers working together to meet local priorities and each Fire & Rescue Service (FRS) will be playing their part in their Local Area Agreements (LAAs).

Choosing indicators from the relatively small set of national indicators does result in similarities in the 19 LAAs in the South East.

The most commonly used indicators represent 6% of the national set but make up over a quarter of the indicators used in the 19 LAAs in the south east. Whilst no individual indicator appears in all LAAs, CO₂ reduction is targeted by everyone. The indicator of choice is [Reduction of CO₂ emissions per capita \(NI 186\)](#) used in 15 agreements and [Reduction of CO₂ from local authority operation \(NI 185\)](#) is used in the remaining four.

Whilst the two fire and rescue service indicators (NI47 and NI49) do not feature in the top ten they are used in over two thirds of the LAAs in the south east. In the Thames Valley the priority is to reduce deaths and injury from fire where as elsewhere in the region the priority is reducing deaths and injury from road traffic collisions.

Work area leads may wish to use this guide to identify where working together can help FRSs be more effective in the delivery of LAAs locally.

Pages 2-6 of this newsletter contain a series of tables which rank the frequency of indicator use by the service delivery area and by the most commonly used indicators in LAAs in the South East.

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- [Table 1](#) Most commonly used indicators
- [Table 2](#) Stronger communities
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More detailed information on LAAs and the national indicators is available through the IDeA and CLG websites.

Useful links

Copies of the agreements in the south east can be found on the Improvement & Development Agency website: <http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pageId=8399659>

Communities & Local Government's Local Priorities have created an interact website for indicators used by all councils which is available at <http://www.localpriorities.communities.gov.uk/default.aspx>

Details and definitions of the national indicator set can be found on Communities & Local Government's website: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/finalnationalindicators>

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