

Local Area Agreement Monitoring: Quarter 1

What is the purpose of this paper?

This paper gives an account of the proposed arrangements for monitoring relevant LAA targets and presents an overview of performance to date.

What are LAA targets?

The Local Area Agreement spells out the targets set locally across the county-wide Local Strategic partnership to deliver against a number of priorities negotiated between the government and local agencies to reflect a balance of national and local concerns. The Public Service Board retains overall responsibility for ensuring the LAA targets are met but the Health & Well-Being Partnership has a specific responsibility for progressing four targets that closely correspond with its purpose. These are:

- Increasing adult participation in sport [NI 8]
- Lowering all-age all cause mortality rate [NI 120]
- Reducing delayed transfers of care (DTC) from hospitals [NI 131]
- Increasing the number of carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information [NI 135]

Other thematic partnerships have similarly been allocated targets falling within their area of focus, for example Oxfordshire's Children's Trust takes responsibility for the lowering teenage conception rates target. The Board also retains responsibility for two of the stretch targets from the first LAA 2006-09 (within the healthy communities and older people block), the first of which is causing some concern:

- Reducing the number of falls in care homes [HCOP1]
- Increasing the number of older people helped to live at home (intensive home support) [HCOP2]

How is it proposed the HWBP monitors the targets?

Owing to the existence of time lags in data collection many indicators only have robust data at year end. Therefore performance reports for monitoring purposes need other means to establish if things are on track throughout the year so that corrective action can be taken where necessary. For each area there is a designated target lead and they are tasked with producing Action Plans for this purpose. Initially, the Action Plans may be presented to the Board for members to agree that the actions identified are appropriate and to verify that partnership elements are suitably prominent. At present, Action Plans have only been produced for Physical Activity, although others are currently in development.

For subsequent meetings, it is proposed that the HWBP Officer group will receive detailed updates based on these Action Plans, which will include a series of proxy indicators for which data is routinely collected, that will serve to indicate performance against the overarching 'big' target in the LAA. Performance will be evaluated by the HWBP Officer Group who will then prepare a report summarising performance and detailing only the most significant issues and concerns for consideration by the HWBP Board. They

will be assisted in creating these reports by a new computer-based performance management system, which is currently still being populated with the appropriate data required to make it as useful as intended.

In turn, the HWBP Board will give an overview and provide exception reporting to the Public Service Board, thus satisfying them that appropriate action is being taken to do all that partners can to achieve the targets. It is hoped that this approach will satisfy the need for the HWBP Board to have sufficient oversight of the activity in support of the targets and allow time for discussion, whilst also avoiding the risk of the HWBP Board being too bogged down in the detail of each and every action.

Physical activity (Chris Freeman is target lead)

This target aims to improve the well-being adults by increasing their activity in sport and active recreation. Particular emphasis is placed on those who are under represented in terms of participation – i.e. people with a disability, people aged 50+ years, residents of Oxford, residents of South Oxfordshire, etc.

Baseline year	Baseline	Indicator measured as	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
2005-06	23.3%	percentage	25.3% (123,261)*	26.3% (128,133)	27.3% (133,005)

* These numbers are indicative only, as they are based on estimates – the adult population in 2010/11 can only be estimated, so the figure for 2010/11 is 27.3% of current adult population

- No first quarter data is available as data is collected by annual survey, however progress on the Action Plan suggests things are on track.

All-age all-cause mortality (Jackie Wilderspin/ Ann Ambler are target leads)

This target aims to prevent premature mortality and narrow the gap between those groups with the highest and lowest rates.

Baseline year	Baseline	Indicator measured as	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
2006	547.97*	No	515.09	504.13	493.17

* a standard statistical measure where lower numbers imply improving performance

- At present performance against this target is not known as data is only available annually. The next report should be available in Oct/ Nov 08.

Delayed transfers of care (Sandra Stapley/ Heather Wicks are target leads)

This target aims to reduce the length of time vulnerable people overstay in an acute or community hospital because although clinically fit to be discharged suitable arrangements for their subsequent care are not yet in place.

Baseline year	Baseline	Indicator measured as	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
2007-08	132 delays (avg per wk) 26.6 per 100,000	per 100,000 population	102 delays (per week) 20.6	96 delays (per week) 19.3	84 delays (per week) 16.9

- At the end of quarter one performance was on target – actual number of delays was on average 95 per week. Historically, for acute hospital beds there are seasonal variations so this figure may increase later in the year.

Carers (John Pearce is target lead)

This target is about reaching out to more of those people who are providing informal care for friends and relatives, so that their own needs as carers can be assessed and they can then be given information and/ or services to support them in continuing to carry out their caring role.

Baseline year	Baseline	Indicator measured as	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
2006-07	16.8%	percentage	18.5% 2,861 carers*	20.3% 3,127 carers	22% 3,393 carers

* These numbers are indicative only, as they are based on estimates

- Feedback from all the target related activities indicates that more carers are registering as carers and taking up services, so by 2011 Oxfordshire LAA should deliver on this target. It is anticipated actual numbers can be provided at the end of quarter 2.

LAA 1 – stretch targets

Falls (Antoinette Broad is target lead)

This target is all about reducing the number of falls in care homes.

Baseline year	Baseline	Indicator measured as	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
2005-06	8,000 falls	number of falls	-	-	20% drop 6,400 falls

- Good progress is being made against the individuals assessed by the falls nurse but further work now needs to be undertaken to establish total number of falls across the care homes. It is expected that the original estimated baseline may need to be revisited in light of this.

Intensive Home Support (Varsha Raja is target lead)

This target is all about the provision of intensive home support to help people live independently at home rather than go into residential care.

Baseline year	Baseline	Indicator measured as	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
2004-05	883 people	Number of people	-	-	1,150

- On track in that performance improved from 986 people as at March 2007 to 1,061 in March 2008. No quarter 1 data presently available as data is collected annually based on a sample week commencing 08-Sep-08.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Well-Being Partnership Board are asked to approve the LAA target performance monitoring arrangements as set out above.