

Main changes to NIS, Feb 08

NI 8 - Adult participation in sport and active recreation:

The definition has been extended to include active recreation.

NI 9 - Use of public libraries, NI 10 - Visits to museums or galleries, and NI 11 - Engagement in the arts:

These will be measured using the Sport England "Active People" survey.

NI 14 - Avoidable contact: The proportion of customer contact that is of low or no value to the customer:

Methodology changed, emphasis is on contacts which are assessed as avoidable

NI 39 - Rate of hospital admission per 100,000 for alcohol related harm:

Changed from percentage change in rate to plain rate.

NI 76 - Reduction in number of schools where fewer than 65% of pupils achieve level 4 or above in both English and Maths at KS2:

Indicator value is now defined as the number of schools in the LEA which are below the 65% floor.

NI 77 - Reduction in number of schools where fewer than 50% of pupils achieve level 5 or above in both English and Maths at KS3:

Indicator value is now defined as the number of schools in the LEA which are below the 50% floor.

NI 78 - Reduction in number of schools where fewer than 30% of pupils achieve 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE and equivalent including GCSEs in English and Maths:

Indicator value is now defined as the number of schools in the LEA which are below the 30% floor.

NI 81 - Inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19:

Formula clarified - indicator is percentage point difference FSM/non-FSM

NI 89 - Reduction in number of schools judged as requiring in special measures and time taken to come out of the category:

Introduction of new sub-indicator of average time (months) spent in special measures.

NI 113 - Prevalence of Chlamydia in under 25 year olds:

Definition extended from under 20s to under 25s.

This is now a 2-part indicator with screening as an indicator in years 1-3, and prevalence is now an additional indicator in years 2-3.

NI 120 - All-age all cause mortality rate:

This has been split into two sub-indicators: male and female.

NI 123 - Stopping smoking:

The guidance makes clear that this is, for the time being, a stopping smoking indicator (not smoking prevalence).

NI 134 - The number of emergency bed days per head of weighted population:

The formula has been changed so that a rate per 100,000 population is reported.

NI 160 - Local Authority tenants' satisfaction with landlord services:

Now only applies to authorities which retain ownership of 1,000 or more general needs dwellings.

NI 171 - New business registration rate:

New methodology includes businesses registering for PAYE.

NI 172 - Percentage of small businesses in the area showing growth:

New methodology includes businesses registering for PAYE.

NI 173 - Flows on to incapacity benefits:

Clearer formula for combining quarterly claimant data and quarterly APS data for the denominator.

NI 177 - Local bus and light rail passenger journeys originating in the authority area:

Now includes light rail passengers.

NI 180 - The number of changes of circumstances which affect customers Housing Benefit/ Council Tax Benefit entitlements within the year:

Change of methodology removing previous references to modelled estimates as the denominator and replacing this with actual caseload.

NI 182 - Satisfaction of businesses with local authority regulatory services:

New methodology for business survey to take account of responses from compliant and non-compliant businesses, and to include feedback from training and awareness events. Also combines responses to two survey questions - fair treatment and helpful contact.

NI 183 - Impact of local authority regulatory services on the fair trading environment:

Revised methodology, but still based on referrals from Consumer Direct.

NI 185 - CO2 reduction from Local Authority operations:

The change calculation has been reversed so the indicator is now percentage reduction over previous year, and the fixed baseline has been removed.

NI 187 - Tackling fuel poverty - % people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating:

This has been split into two sub-indicators: proportion of benefit households in low (SAP < 35) and high (SAP = 65) energy efficiency homes.

NI 191 - Residual household waste per household:

Rate changed from per head to per household.

NI 194 - Air quality - % reduction in NO_x and primary PM₁₀ emissions through local authority's estate and operations:

This has been split into a further 2 indicators (making 4 in all) for total tonnes of each of NO_x and PM₁₀.

NI 195 - Improved street and environmental cleanliness:

Formula changed to weight worst areas (C/C-/D) more than intermediate areas (B-).

NI 197 - Improved local biodiversity - proportion of local sites where positive conservation management has been or is being implemented:

Formula has been simplified so that the indicator is now a simple proportion.

NI 198 - Children travelling to school - mode of travel usually used:

Clarification over which version of the indicator should be used for target setting. Although there are 12 sub-indicators (six modes by two age-groups) the target should only be set for travel by car mode and both age groups. This effectively means a 13th sub-indicator to be reported by authorities which choose this as a target.