



PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - ASSESSMENT OF POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Assessment of Policing and Community Safety (APACS) framework was introduced in April 2008 and applies to all police forces in England and Wales. It covers key services delivered by the police working on their own or in partnership, complementing (but not substituting) performance arrangements being developed by other partners. The resulting assessments and associated monitoring arrangements will be used to demonstrate performance to the public and, critically, to help partners in England and Wales deliver and improve performance against national and local priorities.

APACS is linked with other developments in the community safety arena, principally: the new Public Service Agreements (PSAs) in the Comprehensive Spending Review; Community and Local Government's development of performance indicators for the national indicator set applicable to local authorities working alone or in partnership with others and the Audit Commission's work on the Comprehensive Area Assessment process.

As part of the arrangements to manage and support delivery and improvement, the vision for the APACS is to provide the Home Office and partners with the capability to monitor and assess performance in policing and community safety by:

- geographic area (e.g local, regional, national);
- organisation (e.g police forces);
- partnership (e.g Crime and Drug Reduction Partnerships); and
- policy area (e.g Neighbourhood policing).

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Quarterly Performance Reports are provided to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

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