



ASSESSMENTS OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY

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As part of the drive to ensure safer communities and better protect the public the Home Office and its delivery partners have pledged to deliver a simpler performance framework for crime, drugs and policing.

This single framework will help rationalise the central performance landscape in which local delivery bodies operate and better align work at both national and local level to improve performance in these important areas of community safety. A more unified framework will support the publication of performance assessments which give the public a clearer picture of amongst other things how crime and disorder is being tackled in their area.

Tony McNulty, the Minister for policing, security and community safety has agreed with colleagues from the Association of Chief Police Officers, the Association of Police Authorities, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, the Audit Commission and the Local Government Association that this performance framework will be developed in partnership over the coming year; beginning by agreeing the broad strategic aims of the new framework (operating under the working title of APACS – assessments of policing and community safety).

Publication of the first assessments based on the new framework will be in 2009, reporting on the 2008/09 year. This timescale will ensure that the system meets the needs of delivery bodies, central government and the public, works in harmony with other important reforms in the field of community safety and aligns with key proposals outlined in the Local Government White Paper for England and the new Public Service Agreements that will emerge from the 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review.

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