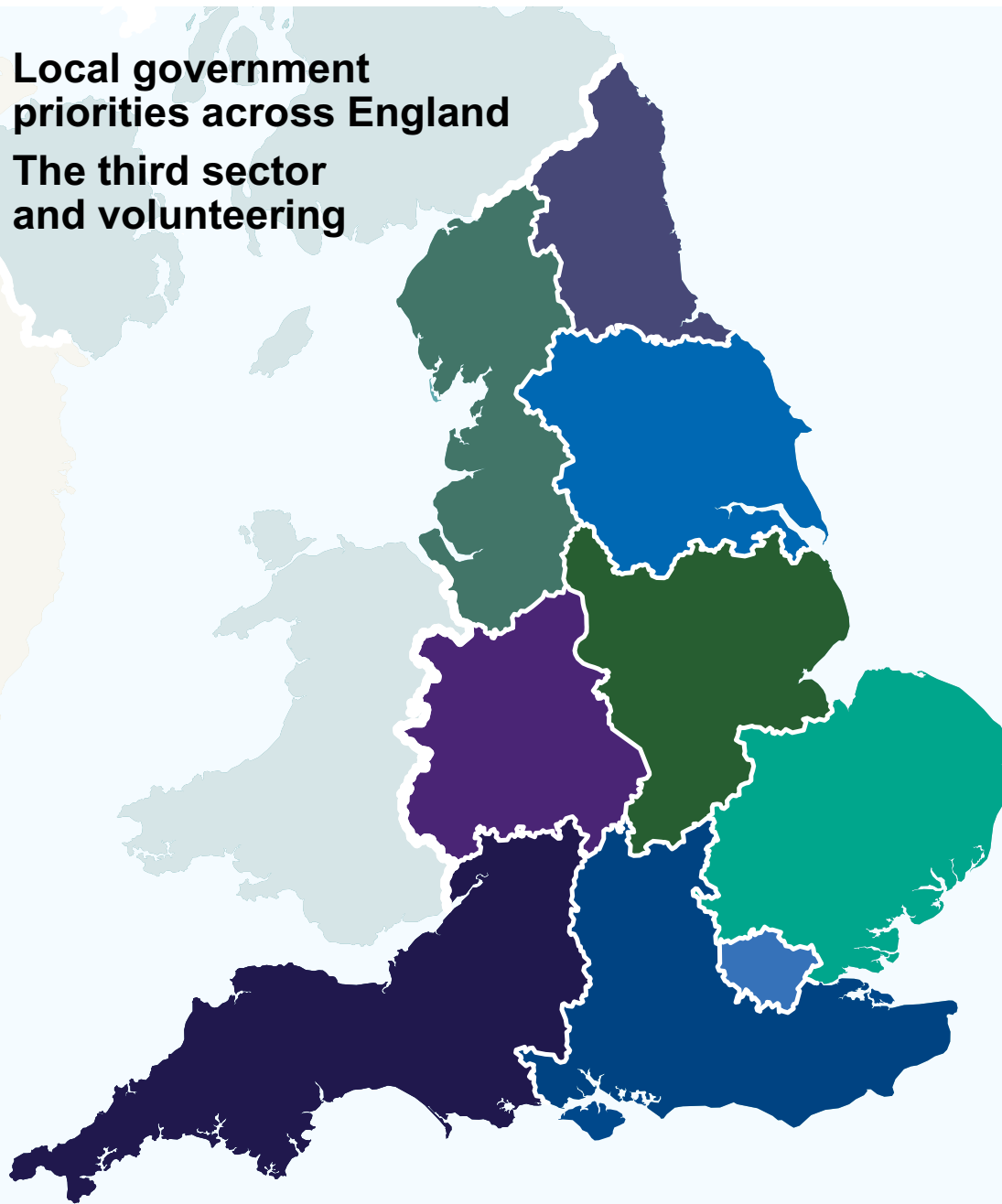


# Local government priorities across England

## The third sector and volunteering



### Third sector relevant indicators

Third sector relevant indicators NI 6 and NI 7 will be used to measure local government performance over the next three years (2008-11). They are part of the drive to improve performance at a local level, helping to ensure partnership and engagement with the third sector and the local community.

#### NI 7 – Environment for a thriving third sector

This will measure the contribution that local government and its partners make to the environment in which independent third sector organisations can operate successfully.

#### NI 6 – Participation in regular volunteering

This will measure the levels of volunteering within a local authority area, specifically the proportion of individuals undertaking regular (once a month) formal\* volunteering.

(\*Formal volunteering is defined as giving unpaid help through groups, clubs or organisations which support social, environmental, cultural or sporting objectives).

#### Overall

- Almost two thirds (62%) of all top tier local authorities areas in England have chosen a vibrant and effective third sector as a top priority for their area.
- 93 out of 150 areas have selected one or both of indicators NI 6 and NI 7
- 43 areas chose NI 6, representing 29% of local authority areas
- 61 areas chose NI 7, representing 41% of local authority areas
- 82 areas chose one, 11 areas chose both
- Both indicators were within the top 50 local authority priorities of the 198 indicators
- 65% of the population live in an area that has chosen NI 6 and/or NI 7

- North East**  
 (including Darlington, Durham, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Northumberland, Redcar & Cleveland, South Tyneside)
  - NI 6 = 58% or 7 out of 12 local authority areas
  - NI 7 = 33 % or 4 out of 12 local authority areas
- North West**  
 (including Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool, Bolton, Cumbria, Halton, Lancashire, Rochdale, Salford, Sefton, St Helens, Trafford, Warrington, Wigan)
  - NI 6 = 27% or 6 out of 22 local authority areas
  - NI 7 = 41 % or 9 out of 22 local authority areas
- Yorkshire and Humber**  
 (including Bamsley, Calderdale, Doncaster, East Riding of Yorkshire, Kirklees, North Lincolnshire, Rotherham, Wakefield, York)
  - NI 6 = 13% or 2 out of 15 local authority areas
  - NI 7 = 53% or 8 out of 15 local authority areas
- East Midlands**  
 (including Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Rutland)
  - NI 6 = 22% or 2 out of 9 local authority areas
  - NI 7 = 56% or 5 out of 9 local authority areas
- West Midlands**  
 (including Dudley, Herefordshire, Solihull, Staffordshire, Walsall, Warwickshire, Wolverhampton)
  - NI 6 = 29% or 4 out of 14 local authority areas
  - NI 7 = 36% or 5 out of 14 local authority areas
- East**  
 (including Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Luton, Norfolk, Peterborough, Thurrock)
  - NI 6 = 20% or 2 out of 10 local authority areas
  - NI 7 = 50% or 5 out of 10 local authority areas
- London**  
 (including Bexley, Bromley, Camden, City of London, Croydon, Enfield, Haringey, Harrow, Havering, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, Kingston upon Thames, Lewisham, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets)
  - NI 6 = 33% or 11 out of 33 local authority areas
  - NI 7 = 24% or 8 out of 33 local authority areas
- South East**  
 (including Bracknell Forest, Brighton and Hove, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Portsmouth, Surrey, West Berkshire, West Sussex, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham)
  - NI 6 = 37% or 7 out of 19 local authority areas
  - NI 7 = 37% or 7 out of 19 local authority areas
- South West**  
 (including Bournemouth, Bristol, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Plymouth, Poole, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Torbay, Wiltshire)
  - NI 6 = 13% or 2 out of 16 local authority areas
  - NI 7 = 63% or 10 out of 16 local authority areas