

AIM

Build a safe, just and tolerant society.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Objective I: reduce crime and the fear of crime, including organised and international crime.

1. *Reduce crime and the fear of crime; improve performance overall, including by reducing the gap between the highest crime Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership areas and the best comparable areas; and reduce:*

- *vehicle crime by 30 % from 1998-99 to 2004;*
- *domestic burglary by 25 % from 1998-99 to 2005;*
- *robbery in the ten Street Crime Initiative areas by 14% from 1999-2000 to 2005;*

and maintain that level. TARGET CONTRIBUTING TO CJS PSA

2. *Improve the performance of all police forces, and significantly reduce the performance gap between the best and worst performing forces; and significantly increase the proportion of time spent on frontline duties.*

Objective II: ensure the effective delivery of justice.

3. *Improve the delivery of justice by increasing the number of crimes for which an offender is brought to justice to 1.2 million by 2005-06; with an improvement in all CJS areas, a greater increase in the worst performing areas and a reduction in the proportion of ineffective trials.*

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4. *Improve the level of public confidence in the Criminal Justice System, including increasing that of ethnic minority communities, and increasing year on year the satisfaction of victims and witnesses, whilst respecting the rights of defendants. TARGET CONTRIBUTING TO CJS PSA*

Objective III: deliver effective custodial and community sentences to reduce re-offending and protect the public.

5. *Protect the public and reduce reoffending by 5%:*

- *for young offenders;*
- *for both adults sentenced to imprisonment and adults sentenced to community sentences; and*
- *maintain the current low rate of prisoner escapes, including Category A escapes.*

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Objective IV: reduce the availability and abuse of dangerous drugs.

6. *Reduce the harm caused by drugs by:*

- *reducing the use of Class A drugs and the frequent use of any illicit drug among all young people under the age of 25, especially by the most vulnerable young people; and*
- *reduce drug related crime, including as measured by the proportion of offenders testing positive at arrest.*

Objective V: regulate entry to and settlement in the United Kingdom effectively in the interests of sustainable growth and social inclusion.

7. *Focus the asylum system on those genuinely fleeing persecution by taking speedy, high quality decisions and reducing significantly unfounded asylum claims, including by:*
- *fast turnaround of manifestly unfounded cases;*
 - *ensuring by 2004 that 75% of substantive asylum applications are decided within 2 months; and that a proportion (to be determined) including final appeal, are decided within 6 months; and*
 - *enforcing the immigration laws more effectively by removing a greater proportion of failed asylum-seekers.*

JOINT TARGET WITH LCD

Objective VI: support strong and active communities in which people of all races and backgrounds are valued and participate on equal terms..

8. *Increase voluntary and community sector activity, including increasing community participation, by 5% by 2006.*
9. *Bring about measurable improvements in race equality and community cohesion across a range of performance indicators, as part of the government's objectives on equality and social inclusion.*

Value for money

10. *Increase value for money from the Criminal Justice System, and the rest of the Home Office, by 3%; and ensure annual efficiency gains by the police of at least 2%. TARGET CONTRIBUTING TO CJS PSA*

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERY?

The Home Secretary is responsible for the delivery of this PSA.

Targets 1, 3, 4, 5 and 9 contribute to the Government's objectives for the criminal justice system as set out in the Criminal Justice System PSA, Chapter 22. The Home Secretary shares responsibility for the delivery of these targets with the Lord Chancellor and Attorney General.

Target 6 contributes to the Government's objectives for action against illegal drugs as set out in the Action Against Illegal Drugs PSA, Chapter 23, and is supported by other government departments.