

SECTION 2

PROMOTING STRONG, HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES

Strategic objectives:

- To enable all people to participate in community life, become active citizens and develop a sense of place and cultural identity
- To support and protect vulnerable adults, young people and children
- To help reduce crime and the fear of crime
- To improve the health of local people and to make County Durham a safer place
- To invest in our children and young people

Performance Indicators - progress against targets

This section summarises improving performance and those areas where improvement is most needed. Full details of progress at the half-year point for all relevant performance indicators is contained in Table 2.

Supporting this corporate objective, there are indicators that are reported 6 monthly or annually, and others that are not presently collected by the police. Performance against those indicators that can be reported at the half-year point is generally good and promising progress towards targets can be seen. Of particular attention is:

- BV 53 Intensive home care per 1000 population aged 65 or over.**
Performance against this indicator this year is consistently impressive and exceeds the annual target. This is in part due to Extra Care provision across the county.
- BV 56 % of items of equipment delivered within 7 working days.**
Good consistent performance of this indicator this year, at this point, above the annual target.
- BV 126 Domestic burglaries per 1000 households & those detected.**
The half-year figures for this indicator show improvement. The rate of burglaries has fallen and at the same time, the rate of those detected has increased. The equivalent figures for violent and vehicle crimes have similarly improved.
- BV 161 Employment, education and training for care leavers.**
Performance at the half-year point is 20% below the annual target for 2004/05. However looking at the cohort expected to reach the age of 19 in the next 6 months, it is estimated that outturn for this indicator will increase to 55% against a target of 60% by the year-end.
- BV195 (ii) Acceptable waiting times for assessment – less than or equal to 4 weeks.** Performance has improved this quarter but

this indicator has not achieved last year's level and currently is more than 4% below the annual target.

BV 201

The number of adults and older people receiving direct payments per 100,000 population. This is a new BVPI for 2004/05 although an equivalent PAF indicator has been collected since 2002/03. Performance has improved impressively and now exceeds the target for 2004/05.