

AIM

Build a safe, just and tolerant society.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Objective I: People are and feel more secure in their homes and daily lives.

1. *Reduce crime by 15%, and further in high crime areas, by 2007-08. Target contributing to the Criminal Justice System PSA.*
2. *Reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour, and building confidence in the Criminal Justice System without compromising fairness. Target contributing to the Criminal Justice System PSA.*

Objective II: More offenders are caught, punished and stop offending, and victims are better supported.

3. *Improve the delivery of justice by increasing the number of crimes for which an offender is brought to justice to 1.25 million by 2007-08. Target contributing to the Criminal Justice System PSA.*

Objective III: Fewer people's lives are ruined by drugs and alcohol.

4. *Reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs (as measured by the Drug Harm Index encompassing measures of the availability of Class A drugs and drug related crime) including substantially increasing the number of drug misusing offenders entering treatment through the Criminal Justice System.*

Objective IV: Migration is managed to benefit the UK while preventing abuse of the immigration laws and of the asylum system.

5. *Reduce unfounded asylum claims as part of a wider strategy to tackle abuse of the immigration laws and promote controlled legal migration. Joint with the Department for Constitutional Affairs.*

Objective V: Citizens, communities and the voluntary sector are more fully engaged in tackling social problems and there is more equality of opportunity and respect for people of all races and religions.

6. *Increase voluntary and community engagement, especially amongst those at risk of social exclusion.*
7. *Reduce race inequalities and build community cohesion.*

STANDARDS

In addition to the PSA targets the following standards will be achieved and maintained:

- Maintain improvements in police performance, as monitored by the Police Performance Assessment Framework (PPAF), in order to deliver the outcomes expressed in the Home Office PSA. The links between the indicators in PPAF and the PSAs, and the performance improvement in these indicators implied by the PSAs, are set out and reported on in the National Policing Plan.

- Protect the public by ensuring there is no deterioration in the levels of re-offending for young offenders, for adults sentenced to imprisonment and adults sentenced to community sentences, maintaining the current low rate of prisoner escapes, including Category A escapes.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERY?

The Home Secretary is responsible for the delivery of this PSA. Targets 1, 2 and 3 contribute to the Government's objectives for the Criminal Justice System as set out in the Criminal Justice System PSA. The Home Secretary shares responsibility for these targets with the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs and the Attorney General. Responsibility for target 5 is shared between the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs.

The Home Secretary is also responsible for delivering the Home Office agreed efficiency target set out in the Home Office, Constitutional Affairs and Law Officers' Departments chapter of the 2004 Spending Review White Paper.

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