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## Targets Update Review Paper October 2013

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#### **SPORT MATTERS TARGETS REVIEW PAPER** (October 2013)

#### BACKGROUND

Sport Matters: The Strategy for Sport and Physical Recreation 2009-2019 proposes a strategy for the development of sport and physical recreation in Northern Ireland up to 2019 – a strategy which will provide a lasting and sustainable legacy for future generations. In so doing, the document identifies 26 high level targets (and related key steps) and sets the key strategic priorities for sport and physical recreation over the next ten years and will inform future investment by all stakeholders across the public, private and community/ voluntary sectors.

This builds on the three annual progress reports that have been produced by the Sport Matters Implementation Groups (all reports are available on the Sport NI website at www.sportni.net) and approved by the Sport Matters Monitoring Group.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the latest status of each of the 26 high level targets identified within Sport Matters and to note the progress that has been made from initial baseline positions. Progress towards each target has been rated using an extended Traffic Light system. The ratings are defined as follows:

- BLUE Target achieved;
- GREEN On track for achievement;
- AMBER On track for achievement but with some delay or uncertainty; and
- **RED** At risk for achievement.

#### **REPORTING FRAMEWORK**

The reporting framework highlights the baseline for each target along with the rating and further details on progress. A range of sources have been used to provide a rationale for each rating. In some cases, data from other sources has been used as a proxy for measuring progress. For example, the baseline for the long term participation targets PA7-PA11 is taken from the Northern Ireland Sport and Physical Activity Survey (SAPAS). SAPAS is due to be repeated in 2014-15, which will provide updated figures and distinct progress from the 2011 baselines. Similar statistics from the annual Continuous Household Survey (CHS) have been used as a 'proxy' to measure

progress. For example, The definition of participation used in SAPAS is:

"participated in at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity sport in the last seven days" (excluding walking and cycling for recreation).

Similarly, CHS reports statistics for the percentage of the population who:

### "normally participate in sport and physical activity on 1 or more days per week".

In these cases, trend data has been analysed from 2007 (where available) - 2010 which aligns to the timing of the survey process undertaken to establish baseline data reported in SAPAS.

#### SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

In summary, 8 targets have been achieved; 13 targets are on track for achievement and 5 targets are on track for achievement but with some delay or uncertainty. An overview is presented in Table 1.

#### TABLE 1: OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS AGAINST HIGH LEVEL TARGETS

older people (from the 2011 baseline)

PARTICIPATION	PERFORMANCE	PLACES	
PA1 - By 2009, to have agreed and commenced implementation of a revised research framework for participation rates that is cognisant of the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officers in the UK	PE12 - By 2010 to have a fully operational Sports Institute that supports 100 athletes per annum to achieve 70% of their agreed annual performance targets	PL21 - By 2010 to initiate a Northern Ireland certification process that will improve safety management and the fabric of the major stadia in Northern Ireland, to comply with the Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order (2006) and associated technical guidance	
PA2 - By 2010 to have reviewed the economic impact of sport and physical recreation in Northern Ireland	PE13 - By 2010 to win at least five medals at the Delhi Commonwealth Games	PL22 - By 2014, and subject to Executive approval, to have developed major sports stadiums to meet the strategic needs of Football, GAA and Rugby on an operationally viable and commercially sustainable basis in N. Ireland.	0
PA3 - By 2011, to have established a baseline for the number of children of compulsory school age participating in a minimum of two hours quality physical education per week	PE14 - By 2011 to ensure that all Sport Northern Ireland funded governing bodies are 'fit for purpose' organisations	PL23 - By 2014 to have a minimum of 10 new or upgraded facilities that will support Northern Ireland player/athlete development in Olympic and Paralympic sports	
PA4 - By 2013, to have stopped the decline in adult participation in sport and physical recreation	PE15 - By 2014 to win at least five medals at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games	PL24 - By 2015 to have amended public policy frameworks to protect and promote access to and sustainable use of publicly-owned land in Northern Ireland for sport and physical recreation	
PA5 - By 2014 to have increased the number of people in Northern Ireland in membership of at least one sports club	PE16 - By 2019 to have implemented nationally recognised coach accreditation systems in all Sport Northern Ireland funded governing bodies	PL25 - By 2019 to ensure that 90% of the population have quality accredited, multi sports facilities, that have the capacity to meet demand, within 20 minutes travel time	
PA6 - By 2014 to provide every child in Northern Ireland over the age of 8 years with the opportunity to participate in at least two hours per week of extra-curricular sport and physical recreation	PE17 - By 2019 at least 100 Northern Ireland athletes to have attained medal success at the highest level in their sport including European, World and Olympic/Paralympic level	PL26 - By 2019 to ensure that all planning decisions follow Planning Policy Statement 8: Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation in relation to the provision of spaces for sport and physical recreation	
PA7 - By 2019 to deliver at least a 3 percentage points increase in adult participation rates in sport and physical recreation (from the 2011 baseline)	PE18 - By 2019 to have accredited at least 700 appropriately qualified, full-time coaches available to meet demand across all aspects of sport and physical recreation		
Pa8 - By 2019 to deliver at least a 6 percentage points increase in women's participation rates in sport and physical recreation (from the 2011 baseline)	PE19 - By 2019 to have 45,000 appropriately qualified, part time and volunteer coaches available to meet demand across all aspects of sport and physical recreation		
PA9 - By 2019 to deliver at least a 6 percentage points increase in participation rates in sport and physical recreation among socio-economically disadvantaged groups (from the 2011 baseline)	PE20 - By 2019 to have secured a world class system for athlete development consisting of services, facilities and competition following the hosting of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London 2012		
PA10 - By 2019 to deliver at least a 6 percentage points increase in participation rates in sport and physical recreation among people with a disability (from the 2011 baseline)		-	
PA11 - By 2019 to deliver at least a 6 percentage points increase in participation in sport and physical recreation among			

Target Reference:	PA1
Target:	By 2009, to have agreed and commenced implementation of a revised research framework for participation rates that is cognisant of the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officers in the UK.
Status:	ACHIEVED
Details:	Sport NI has finalised and published Northern Ireland's Sport and Physical Activity Survey 2010, a large-scale adult participation survey which provides baseline data for participation rates that is cognisant of the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officers in the UK. In addition the research provides baseline information for many of the targets identified within Sport Matters.

Target Reference:	PA2
Target:	By 2010 to have reviewed the economic impact of sport and physical recreation in Northern Ireland.
Status:	ACHIEVED
Details:	SNI finalised, launched and published the Economic Importance of Sport in Northern Ireland 2010. The report focuses on the economic importance of sport and physical recreation to Northern Ireland in 2008 and highlights that £688m (2.8% of the NI economy) was spent by consumers on sport-related goods and services during the year.

Target Reference:	PA3												
Target:	By 2011, to have established a baseline to physical education per week.	By 2011, to have established a baseline for the number of children of compulsory school age participating in a minimum of two hours quality physical education per week.											
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT BUT WITH	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT BUT WITH SOME DELAY											
Details:	DE and ETI are undertaking a research priminimum of 2 hours quality PE per week. Education and Training Inspectorate visit research were published in October 2012 group engaged in curricular Physical Educ between 60 and 90 minutes of curricular of curricular PE per week.	This constant This constant Th	mprises a ary schoo s were as ne table b	three st ols (Stage sked to p pelow she	age proc 2) and F rovide de ows that,	ess, nam Post-Prim etails of h regardle	ely an ele ary scho now man ess of yea	ectronic ols (Sta y minut ir group	survey o ge 3). Th es per w o, the maj	of school e results eek their jority of j	s (Stage 1 from Sta pupils in pupils un	l), follow age 1 of t each yea dertake	ed by he ar
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	<30 mins per week	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	30-60 mins per week	27%	28%	27%	24%	19%	16%	17%	17%	18%	18%	30%	30%
	60-90 mins per week	43%	43%	41%	41%	40%	38%	37%	37%	37%	41%	50%	50%

90-120 mins per week	22%	22%	26%	30%	32%	36%	36%	22%	22%	24%	15%	17%
120 mins or more per week	7%	6%	5%	5%	8%	9%	10%	24%	23%	17%	4%	3%

Target Reference:	PA4
Target:	By 2013, to have stopped the decline in adult participation in sport and physical recreation.
Status:	ACHIEVED
Baseline Information:	50% of the Northern Ireland adult population participated in sports and physical recreation once in the last 12 months (2008-09 CHS)
Details:	The chart below shows the proportion of the Northern Ireland adult population that participated in sport in the last 12 months and excludes walking for recreation. The findings are taken from NISRA's Continuous Household Survey and the latest report, produced in 2013 shows that participation has increased from the baseline position of 50% in 2008-09.         Participation in sport in the last 12 months (excluding walking for recreation)         55%         54%         52%         51%         52%         51%         50%         49%         48%         2008/09       2009/10       2010/11       2011/12       2012/13

Target Reference:	PA5
Target:	By 2014 to have increased the number of people in Northern Ireland in membership of at least one sports club
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Baseline Information:	23% of the adult population are members of a club in which they can participate in sport or physical activities (2010 SAPAS)
Details:	Findings from the CHS show that the proportion of the NI population who are a member of at least one sports club/ sports organisation has increased marginally from 21% of the adult population in 2009-10 to 22% in 2012-13. The chart below plots this statistic over the last 4 years



Target Reference:	PA6												
Target:	y 2014 to provide every child in Northern Ireland over the age of 8 years with the opportunity to participate in at least two hours per week of extra-curricular sport and physical recreation.												
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT BUT WITH		UNCERT	AINTY									
Baseline Information:	No baseline currently exists.												
Details:	This target has been the subject of consid Research undertaken by Sport NI in May had the opportunity to participate in ext and that with the exception of Year Grou week. However, the analysis does highlig are to have the opportunity to participate	2012 asl ra-curric ups 5 to ght that t	ked scho cular spor 7, the m there is c	ols to pro rt. The ta ajority o considera	ovide det bles belo f schools ble work	ails of ho ow highli offer 2 l to be do	ow many ght the f hours of one if as	minute findings extra-co per the	of the r urricular target, a	esearch ( sport an all childre	(broken o d physica n over th	lown by al recrea	gender) tion per
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<30 mins per week	6%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	10%	10%	6%
30-60 mins per week	9%	8%	8%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	0%	0%	9%
60-90 mins per week	42%	40%	40%	23%	23%	24%	30%	27%	30%	30%	42%
0-120 mins per week	4%	3%	3%	6%	7%	8%	9%	11%	8%	9%	4%
120 mins or more per week	40%	45%	46%	65%	64%	62%	55%	55%	52%	51%	40%
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GIRLS	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year
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Target Reference:	PA7
Target:	By 2019 to deliver at least a 3 percentage point increase in adult participation rates in sport and physical recreation (from the 2011 baseline).
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Baseline Information:	37% of the adult population participated in sport and physical recreation in the last week (2010 SAPAS)
Details:	The chart below details trend analysis from the CHS, in particular the proportion of the NI population who participated in sport on 1 day or
	more in the last week over the period 2007-13.



Target Reference:	PA8
Target:	By 2019 to deliver at least a 6 percentage point increase in women's participation rates in sport and physical recreation (from the 2011 baseline).
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Baseline Information:	30% of the female adult population participated in sport and physical recreation in the last week (2010 SAPAS)
Details:	The chart below details findings from the CHS and show that the proportion of the NI female adult population who participated in sport on 1 day or more in the last week.



Target Reference:	PA9
Target:	By 2019 to deliver at least a 6 percentage point increase in participation rates in sport and physical recreation among socio-economically disadvantaged groups (from the 2011 baseline).
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Baseline Information:	30% of the adult population in social groups C2DE participated in sport and physical recreation in the last week (2010 SAPAS)
Details:	Findings from the CHS show that the proportion of the adult population living in NI's most deprived areas (20% most deprived super output areas) who participated in sport on 1 day or more in the last week has increased from 34% in 2007-08 to 40% in 2012-13. The definition of socio-economically disadvantaged groups used to set the baseline for this target is social classes C2, D and E <sup>1</sup> .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There are several demographic classification systems used in research. A well-established system, as well as the most widely known and used, is that of social grading, derived from the British National Readership Survey (NRS). Whilst everyone in the industry is familiar with the term social grade and its six groups A, B, C1, C2, D and E.



Target Reference:	PA10
Target:	By 2019 to deliver at least a 6 percentage point increase in participation rates in sport and physical recreation among people with a disability (from the 2011 baseline).
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT BUT WITH SOME UNCERTAINTY
<b>Baseline Information:</b>	19% of the people with a disability (NI adult population) participated in sport and physical recreation in the last week (2010 SAPAS)
Details:	The chart below details findings from the CHS and show that the proportion of adults with a limiting long standing illness who participated in sport on 1 day or more in the last week. The definition of people with a disability used to set the baseline for this target is adults with a long standing illness/disability or infirmity.



Target Reference:	PA11
Target:	By 2019 to deliver at least a 6 percentage points increase in participation in sport and physical recreation among older people (from the 2011 baseline).
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Baseline Information:	21% of older people (aged 50 and over) participated in sport and physical recreation in the last week (2010 SAPAS)
Details:	The chart below details findings from the CHS and shows that the proportion of adults aged 50 and over who participated in sport on 1 day or
	more in the last week has increased from 21% in 2008-09 to 30% in 2012-13.



Target Reference:	PE12
Target:	By 2010 to have a fully operational Sports Institute that supports 100 athletes per annum to achieve 70% of their agreed annual performance targets.
Status:	ACHIEVED
Details:	The Sports Institute Northern Ireland (SINI) was set up in 2002 as the catalyst for establishing the high performance sporting system in Northern Ireland. SINI is designed to provide high level support to Northern Ireland's top athletes and coaches across a range of Olympic and Paralympic sports along with a select number of non-Olympic sports including Golf, Rugby, Soccer, Cricket, GAA and Motor Sports. Improving athlete performance is at the core of the Institute's services and practitioners work daily with coaches and athletes as part of their elite performance programmes. SINI offer 5 service areas including Sports Medicine; Sports Science; Strength and Conditioning; Performance Planning and Performance Skills from its base on the Jordanstown campus of the University of Ulster. Performer Development Centres are also operational at St. Marys Belfast, Cookstown and Lisburn. In 2010-11, 16 Olympic/ Paralympic and Commonwealth sports were serviced through the Major Games Programme representing a total of 54 athletes. Service level agreements were also in place with the Irish FA and Ulster Rugby to deliver services to their respective squads through the Support Programme. When the Foundation Programme is included, SINI supports a total of 197 of NI's best athletes.

Target Reference:	PE13
Target:	By 2010 to win at least five medals at the Delhi Commonwealth Games.
Status:	ACHIEVED
Details:	The Northern Ireland Team won a total of ten medals at the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Fames (including 3 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze medals). The medals were won in boxing (5), cycling (2), shooting (2) and bowls (1).

Target Reference:	PE14
Target:	By 2011 to ensure that all Sport Northern Ireland funded governing bodies are 'fit for purpose' organisations.
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT BUT WITH SOME DELAY
Baseline Information:	24% of Sport Northern Ireland funded governing bodies are fit for purpose (2007-08 Audits)
Details:	88% (29/33) of Sport Northern Ireland funded governing bodies are fit for purpose following the 2012-13 Sport NI Governance and Management Audits.

Target Reference:	PE15
Target:	By 2014 to win at least five medals at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Details:	The Delhi 2010 Preparation Committee produced a report on the preparations and performance of the Team in Delhi, which put forward recommendations to inform the planning for Glasgow 2014.Lead officials for Glasgow 2014 have been selected by the NI Commonwealth Games Council Board and these officials will evaluate the recommendations from the Delhi 2010 report. Three meetings have taken place with the Glasgow Olympic Committee for planning towards of the 2014 Games.

Target Reference:	PE16
Target:	By 2019 to have implemented nationally recognised coach accreditation systems in all Sport Northern Ireland funded governing bodies.
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Baseline Information:	55% of Sport Northern Ireland funded governing bodies of sport in Northern Ireland are currently implementing nationally recognised coach accreditation systems (2008-09)
Details:	As of October 2013, 91% (thirty-two out of thirty-five) of Sport Northern Ireland funded governing bodies of sport in Northern Ireland are currently implementing nationally recognised coach accreditation systems.

Target Reference:	PE17
Target:	By 2019 at least 100 Northern Ireland athletes to have attained medal success at the highest level in their sport including European, World and Olympic/Paralympic level.
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Baseline Information:	22 Northern Ireland athletes attained medal success at European, World and Olympic/Paralympic competitions (2006-07).
Details:	As of 01 July 2013, a total of 70 Northern Ireland athletes attained a total of 172 medal successes at European, World, Commonwealth and Olympic or Paralympic competition since 01 April 2009. Of the total 70 athletes, 46 (66%) were male and 24 (34%) were female. A total of 84% of all 172 medals were won by individuals, whereas 16% were won as part of a team. Furthermore, 45% of all medals were won by athletes representing Ireland, followed by Great Britian & Northern Ireland (34%) and 21% while representing Northern Ireland (see pie chart below). The chart below details the sports that each of the medal winning athletes represents.



Target Reference:	PE18
Target:	By 2019 to have accredited at least 700 appropriately qualified, full-time coaches available to meet demand across all aspects of sport and physical recreation.
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Baseline Information:	No baseline exists for the number of appropriately qualified part time and volunteer coaches.
Details:	The Northern Ireland Sport and Physical Activity Survey 2010 (SAPAS) reported that One in 20 adults (5% of the adult population) has provided coaching for others in the last 12 months. Using population estimates from NISRA for 2010, this equates to 69,985 people who delivered coaching. The survey did not however provide information as to whether this coaching was delivered on a full-time, part-time or voluntary basis or whether these coaches are appropriately qualified. The Coaching Workforce Survey 2010 surveyed 1,679 sports coaches, of whom 1,467 were resident in Northern Ireland. The survey reported that coaching in Northern Ireland is very reliant on volunteers, particularly in the club context. The relatively small numbers of paid staff in the
	workforce are employed mainly by governing bodies and local authorities. In particular, 84% of coaches had a voluntary role, 25% were paid

on a part-time basis for their coaching, and 12% were employed full-time in a coaching role.
Applying the above percentages to the total number of people who delivered coaching in Northern Ireland suggests that the target is on track for achievement. However an additional baselining study with governing bodies and local authorities is required in order to provide a more robust and accurate number of appropriately qualified full-time coaches.

Target Reference:	PE19
Target:	By 2019 to have 45,000 appropriately qualified, part time and volunteer coaches available to meet demand across all aspects of sport and physical recreation.
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Baseline Information:	No baseline exists for the number of appropriately qualified part time and volunteer coaches.
Details:	The Northern Ireland Sport and Physical Activity Survey 2010 (SAPAS) reported that 1 in 20 adults (5% of the adult population) have provided coaching for others in the last 12 months. Using population estimates from NISRA for 2010, this equates to 69,985 people who delivered coaching. The survey did not however provide information as to whether this coaching was delivered on a full-time, part-time or voluntary basis or whether these coaches are appropriately qualified. The Coaching Workforce Survey 2010 surveyed 1,679 sports coaches, of whom 1,467 were resident in Northern Ireland. The survey reported that coaching in Northern Ireland is very reliant on volunteers, particularly in the club context. The relatively small numbers of paid staff in the workforce are employed mainly by governing bodies and local authorities. In particular, 84% of coaches had a voluntary role, 25% were paid on a part-time basis for their coaching, and 12% were employed full-time in a coaching role.



Target Reference:	PE20
Target:	By 2019 to have secured a world class system for athlete development consisting of services, facilities and competition following the hosting of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London 2012.
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Details:	Over the last few years national sports organisations and governments throughout the world have committed increasing amounts of money to elite sport in an attempt to win medals in major international competitions. As nations have engaged in a power struggle to achieve international success, their elite sport systems appear to have become increasingly homogeneous and more than ever are based around a single elite sports development model. In 2010 Sport NI joined 16 other countries to undertake a research project entitled 'SPLISS' – Sports Policy Factors Leading to International Sporting Success. The research identified nine key sport policy factors or 'pillars' including:     1. Financial support     2. An integrated approach to policy development

<ol> <li>Participation in sport</li> <li>Talent identification and development system</li> <li>Athletic and post career support</li> <li>Training facilities</li> <li>Coaching provision and coach development</li> </ol>
<ul> <li>8. (Inter)national competition</li> <li>9. Scientific research and innovation</li> </ul> The elite sport development system in Northern Ireland is in its infancy compared with other nations. The information presented in the SPLISS report brings together in one place (for the first time) the key data for the nine pillars and presents it on behalf of the elite sport community in NI. This essentially is a baseline position for each pillar that encapsulates a world class system for athlete development .

Target Reference:	PL21
Target:	By 2010 to initiate a Northern Ireland certification process that will improve safety management and the fabric of the major stadiums in Northern Ireland, to comply with the Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order (2006) and associated technical guidance.
Status:	ACHIEVED
Details:	The Safety of Sports Grounds (NI) Order was introduced in February 2006. Thirty sports grounds were designated in December 2009 and all safety certificates have been issued to date by District Councils. Sport NI is overseeing the implementation of the legislation and reporting to DCAL. In addition, Sport NI has prepared and issued guidance to the district councils (and others) relating to procedural matters and interpretations of the legislation. Working is on-going with guidance being developed for regulated stands and special safety certificates.

Target Reference:	PL22
Target:	By 2014, and subject to Executive approval, to have developed major sports stadiums to meet the strategic needs of Football, GAA and Rugby on an operationally viable and commercially sustainable basis in Northern Ireland.
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT BUT WITH SOME DELAY
Details:	The three individual stadium projects (Ravenhill, Windsor Park and Casement Park) are being progressed. However, it is expected that the stadiums will not be developed within the stated timeframe (2014).

Target Reference:	PL23
Target:	By 2014 to have a minimum of 10 new or upgraded facilities that will support Northern Ireland player/athlete development in Olympic and Paralympic sports.

Status:	ACHIEVED
Status: Details	ACHIEVED Since 2009, Sport Northern Ireland and district councils have made over 20 capital investments which may be deemed as making a contribution towards this target in that they support NI athlete development in Olympic and Paralympic sports. The projects include:  1. Athletics - Strabane District Council; 2. Athletics - St colman's College Newry; 3. Badminton - Lisburn Racquets Club; 4. Basketball - Antrim Borough Council; 5. Bowing - Down District Council; 6. Boxing - St Paul's Amateur Boxing Club; 7. Boxing - Immaculata Amateur Boxing Club; 8. Boxing - Eatstide ABC; 9. Boxing - Holy Trinity Youth Club; 10. Cycling (Mountain Biking) - Down District Council; 11. Equestrianism - Coleraine and District Riding for the Disabled Association; 12. Equestrianism - Fort Centre RDA; 13. Hockey - Cookstown Hockey Club; 14. Hockey - NI Civil Service Sports Association; 15. Judo - Derry City Council; 16. Rowing - Borta Royal Grammar School; 18. Rowing - Portadown Boat Club; 10. Schoting - Omagh District Rife and Pistol Club; 12. Shooting - Omagh District Rife and Pistol Club; 13. Rowing - North Down Borough Council; 14. Rowing - North Down Borough Council; 15. Judo - Derry City Council; 16. Rowing - Portadown Boat Club; 17. Rowing - Portadown Boat Club; 18. Rowing - North Down Borough Club; 19. Shooting - Omagh District Rife and Pistol Club; 20. Shooting - North Down Borough Council; and 22. Wrestling - NU Wrestling Association.
	Further capital investments by district councils include Magherafelt District Council (Swimming), Belfast District Council and planned projects by Derry City Council (Judo & Wrestling); Antrim Borough Council (Basketball) and Newry & Mourne District Council (Swimming).

Target Reference:	PL24
Target:	By 2015 to have amended public policy frameworks to protect and promote access to and sustainable use of publicly-owned land in Northern Ireland for sport and physical recreation.
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Baseline Information:	There is no legislation or policies that protect or promote access to publicly owned land.
Details:	NI Water is one of the largest land owners in Northern Ireland, having responsibility for approximately 8,600 hectares throughout the

province. A significant proportion of this land has recreational appeal and is regularly accessed by members of the public. NI Water have developed a new "Recreation and Access Policy" which sets out the way public access arrangements are communicated and controlled, and provides the public with clear guidance that governs recreational activities and access on NI Water owned lands and waters. In addition, the Policy provides a formal application mechanism for the public to use any NI Water owned land or body of water for recreational purposes.
The Forest Service NI manages 75,500 hectares of forest land – representing almost 6% of Northern Ireland's land area. There are more than two million visits to NI's forests every year, with visitors enjoying forest trails and nature walks through some of the most beautiful scenery in Northern Ireland. Some of our forests provide eco-trails as well as orienteering, cycling, and horse-riding opportunities. They also regularly host a range of organised outdoor recreation and sports events including walks, athletics, cycling and car rallies. Under the new Forestry Act, there is provision for a public right of pedestrian access to all forest land, subject to byelaws which will be modernised to ensure safe, recreational enjoyment and respect for the forest environment.

Target Reference:	PL25
Target:	By 2019 to ensure that 90% of the population have quality accredited, multi sports facilities that have the capacity to meet demand, within 20 minutes travel time.
Target Deadline:	2019 (Long Term)
Status:	ON TRACK FOR ACHIEVEMENT
Baseline Information:	65% of the Northern Ireland population have access to a quality accredited facility within 20 minutes travel time from where they live.
Details:	At the Places SMIG meeting on 5 March 2013 SNI was asked to assess the number of <u>QUEST</u> accredited facilities and the number of <u>other</u> quality accredited facilities. The following illustrations show the comparison between those 'multi-sport' facilities that are currently Quest accredited and those 'multi-sport' facilities with one of the following accreditation awards; Adventuremark, Quest, Customer Service Excellence (CSE), Inclusive Sports Facility (ISF), EFQM, Investors in people (IIP), and ISO's:
	Map A shows 10 'multi-sport' facilities currently with Quest accreditation. When a 20 minute travel time boundary is applied to each facility (indicated in blue), 32% of the Northern Ireland population could access a Quest accredited site.
	MAP A



Reference:	PL26
Target:	By 2019 to ensure that all planning decisions follow Planning Policy Statement 8: Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation in relation to the provision of spaces for sport and physical recreation.
Status:	ACHIEVED
Status.	

represents the Government's commitment to sustainable development and promotion of healthy lifestyles.

Findings from a preliminary research project undertaken by Sport NI in 2011-12 found evidence to suggest that PPS 8 is considered when planning for the development of sports facilities in NI. Furthermore, the research concluded that it is a statutory requirement for the DOE to take into account all material considerations when considering a planning application. On this basis, PL26 has been awarded a BLUE rating signifying that the target has been achieved. However, further work will continue with the DOE's Planning Policy Division to develop non statutory guidance/best practice to be used by planners and developers alike.

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