



The statutory guidance states:

“Partnership bodies must take appropriate steps to monitor and evaluate the services and other action set out in the joint area plans.

Regional partnership boards should ensure that an evaluation of the actions set out in the joint area plan takes place at least once during a local government electoral cycle. A report of this review should be included as a chapter in the Board’s annual report.

If an addendum to a combined population assessment report is issued, the local authority and LHB must consider whether the most recent joint area plan should be revised and, if so, prepare and publish a revised joint area plan as soon as possible.”

## Monitoring

You will need to set out monitoring arrangements for your identified priorities and describe these in section 2.11 of the template, for each core theme. You will be expected to monitor the progress made against the actions listed against your chosen priorities. These will need to be agreed by the partners on the Regional Partnership Board.

When developing outcomes, you will need to revisit what your population assessment told you matters to people.

In line with the principles of the Act, the focus of the Area Plans should be around achieving outcomes for people with a care and support need. Results Based Accountability is an effective way to set performance measures at a regional level.



Source: Results Based Accountability Guide (Clear Impact) <https://clearimpact.com/results-based-accountability/example-performance-measures-can-use-program-service/>

For the purposes of this plan, you are looking to measure outcomes and not establish a new set of indicators. The contribution to national indicators is discussed below in the National Outcomes Framework section. You will need to agree, as a Partnership Board, what measures you will use to monitor how your actions will achieve the outcome set out in your priorities. The outcomes you agree as a Regional Partnership Board, against the priorities, will form the basis for your evaluation.

### Contributing to National Outcomes Framework indicators

The statutory guidance requires you to make a link between the *National Outcomes Framework* and the contribution your plan will make to achieving those outcomes. You may choose to do this by identifying which of the national outcomes are linked to your actions.

As some data is reported nationally, you may wish to use your local, validated data and aggregate to a regional level to demonstrate how your priorities are contributing toward the national outcomes. Please remember this is an indicator of wider population activity.

You can record this in the table on section 2.10 of the template, under *relevant outcomes or indicators*.

### Evaluation and review

You will be expected to report on progress and use this to evaluate impact. The purpose of the evaluation is on how you as a Regional Partnership Board are delivering against your agreed regional priorities and implementing the plans. This will also include the specific priorities for integration set out in paragraph 27 of the statutory guidance. You, as a Board, are not required to undertake a full, formal evaluation of all the services listed in your plan.

You should explain in your plans what the information you are collecting will be used for and where, including through the following statutory requirements

- ◆ Review of your population assessments (one per assessment cycle)
- ◆ Evaluation report of the Area Plans (one per reporting cycle)
- ◆ Regional Partnership Board annual report

There may be additional reporting through other mechanisms. You will need to consider how the monitoring against actions aligns to your overall outcomes, for the purposes of evaluation.

## Monitoring other activity

Anything that will be taken forward via other planning mechanisms will not require a new set of monitoring arrangements. However, you may wish to set a requirement for update reports from other linked plans to be sent to the Regional Partnership Board. Alternatively, you may wish to provide a link to the relevant plan to signpost readers to their monitoring and evaluation arrangements.

If there are direct links to other plans or frameworks, you may want to consider opportunities to align your outcomes where there are commonalities, for example through the Local Wellbeing Plans.

## Reflective questions

- ◆ Have I set out the outcomes the Regional Partnership Board wants to achieve?
- ◆ Have we considered the monitoring arrangements for actions against the regional priorities?
- ◆ What are the links to the *National Outcomes Framework*?
- ◆ Are we clear about what will be evaluating?
- ◆ Have we clearly explained how we will report on progress against the plan?

## Further reading

- Results Based Accountability

<http://raguide.org/>

<https://www.slideshare.net/walescva/the-rough-guide-to-results-based-accountability>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RBAOBA/>

- National Outcomes Framework

<http://gov.wales/topics/health/socialcare/well-being/?lang=en>

- Alignment of the NOF, Public Health and NHS outcomes frameworks

<http://gov.wales/docs/dhss/publications/160329summaryen.pdf>



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