Development of the National Indicator Set (NIS)

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What I’ll Cover

• Background and Driver for this work
• How balanced is the NIS across the ECM outcomes?
  – Quick Initial Count
  – Other factors that determine whether the set is balanced
• What next? - Future Development of the NIS
Background and Driver

- Lifting the Burdens Taskforce Report

  DCSF should work with local authorities and their partners to redress the imbalance in the NIS against the ECM 5 Outcomes.

- Wider project to develop the second version of the NIS to:
  - Incorporate better data that has since become available
  - Reflect emerging policy priorities
How balanced is the NIS?

Simple Count of the DCSF-sponsored NIS Indicators per ECM Outcome…

- Achieve Economic Wellbeing, 3
- Make a positive contribution, 6
- Enjoy and Achieve, 29
- Safe, 15
- Healthy, 14

…What about when you include OGD-led NIS indicators that are also in DCSF’s ECM Outcomes Framework?
How balanced is the ECM Outcomes Framework?

(Also including OGD-sponsored NIS indicators that support DCSF’s DSOs)

…But these uneven distributions may not indicate the imbalance in the NIS
Other factors determining whether NIS is balanced

• The ‘share’ of each ECM outcome that each NIS indicator can cover
  – Some indicators may cover a wider range of the ECM outcome than others, so fewer are needed for that ECM outcome

• Data availability may have been a barrier
  – Should we be creating new data collections; or
  – Are there different existing data we could use to produce new indicators?
Next Steps…

• DCSF is starting a project to consider revising the NIS
  – Timing still to be confirmed, but likely to run from Nov 08 to summer ’09
  – Will be consulting
    • DCSF and other Govt Dept policy leads
    • Local Govt bodies (LGA, ADCS and others)
    • 3rd sector

• The project may result in development of new indicators, but the number of DCSF-sponsored indicators in the NIS should not increase