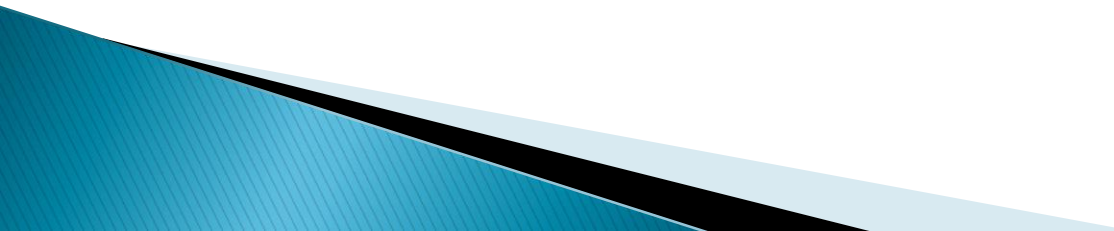# Performance Indicators in Local Authorities
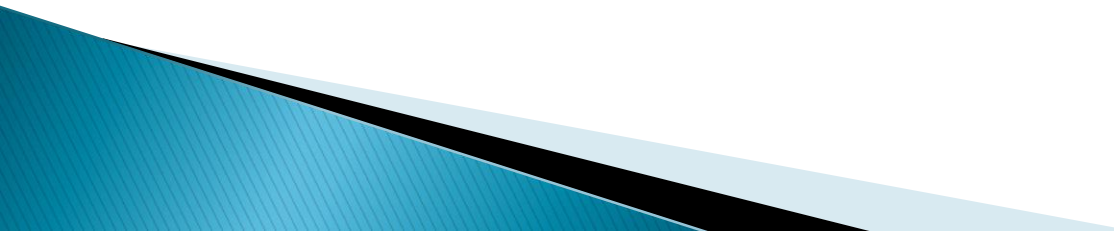
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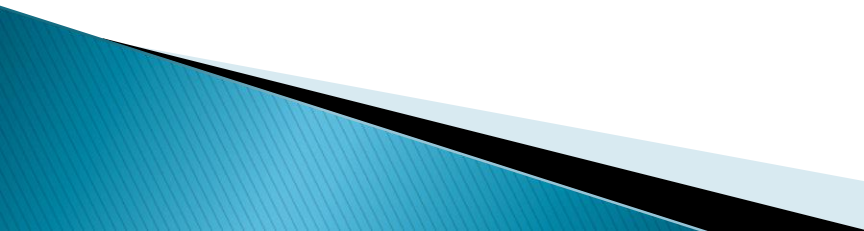
2017 Report – Timelines

- Request for data issued by LGMA on 16 March 2018.

- Data return date was 26 April 2018.

- Review of returns for 6 indicators from 6 LAs carried out by Performance Indicator subgroup between18 June and 3 July 2018.

- Data querying and verification by NOAC and LGMA continued into August 2018.

- Report published September 2018.

2017 Report – Data Issues Encountered

- Data entered into incorrect fields on LG Returns.

- Insufficient comments provided to explain anomalies or did not tie in with data.

- Housing stock data provided by LA's did not match in all cases to output data provided by the DHPLG. In some cases data provided to DHPLG for output figures was incorrect.
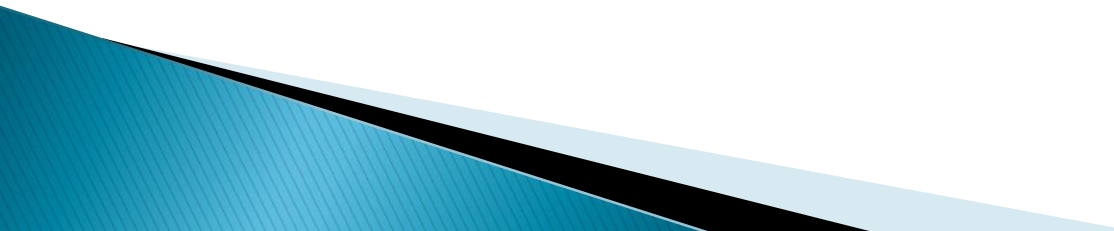
- Time delay in responding to queries.

2018 Report – Timelines

- Request for data to issue earlier – 18 February 2019.

- Data return deadline of 26 April 2019 must be met by all LAs .

- Data checking and verification as well as subgroup review must be completed by the end of July.
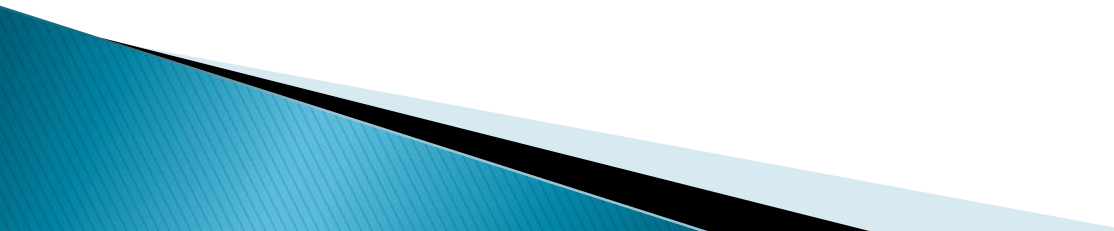
- Target report publication date: September 2019.

2018 Indicator Changes

- 37 Indicators for 2018.

- Aside from date changes and other minor amendments the following should be noted:

- The cumulative surplus / deficit balance recorded under indicator M1 should be reported before transfers to or from reserves at 31/12/2018. Prior years should be restated.

- Under indicator E2, local authorities are now required to report on the opening number of cases i.e. those carried forward from 2017. Opening + New = Finalised + Closing.

- Indicators H3 & H4 are now calculated using direct costs. 2017 data should be restated.

- Under Indicator C4, the % attributed to the total LGMA general charge has increased to 56%.
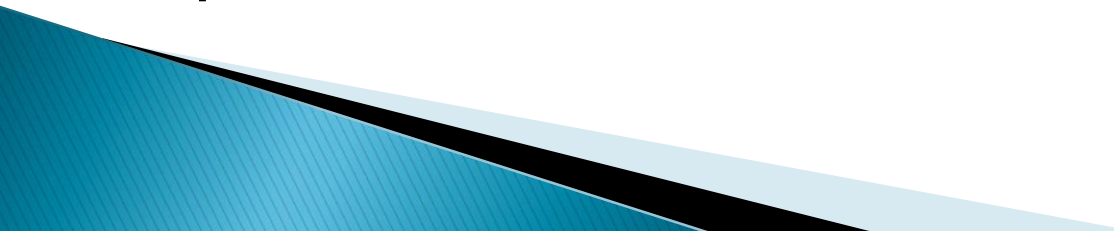
2018 New Indicators

- Waste / Environment E4: % of schools that have been awarded green flag status. Data to be obtained from An Taisce.

- Corporate C5: Establish the overall cost of ICT expenditure as a proportion of Revenue expenditure.

2018 Data Validation

- LGMA will not be involved in the Audit Query process for 2018.

- NOAC Secretariat will liaise directly with LAs.

2018 Data Validation

- NOAC will review data submitted through LG Returns and the Secretariat will raise any queries with LA co-ordinators.

- In order to reduce the number of queries generated, LAs are asked to include explanations for any significant changes in year on year performance.

- Data provided should match that where provided elsewhere.

2018 Indicators

▸ *Important Note:* If local authorities have a major issue to report with respect to any indicator data, then the co-ordinator should write directly to the Secretariat drawing attention to this issue, in addition to including a text note with their submission.

▸ If the issue relates to problems uploading data local authorities should contact the LGMA.

Queries re 2018 Data Request

▸ Queries on methodology, quality assurance, analysis and compilation of the draft report should be addressed to the NOAC Secretariat at info@noac.ie and queries regarding the management of the data collection process to indicators@lgma.ie.

▸ Thank you.