

## Probation quarterly ratings

Quarter 2, 2008/09

### Introduction

The Ministry of Justice is responsible for agreeing and publishing performance ratings of probation areas/trusts as part of the regulatory framework for NOMS. NOMS produces quarterly data driven performance assessments for each probation area. The assurance and publication of probation area performance by the department is designed to ensure independence and transparency of the final performance assessments from NOMS.

### Understanding the ratings

NOMS produces data driven assessments of performance for probation areas using an assessment framework that has been agreed with the department - the Integrated Probation Performance Framework (IPPF). This assesses the 42 probation areas in England & Wales by looking at performance in about 40 indicators. Performance is shown in the four domains that best describe the work of probation: public protection; offender management; interventions; and organisational capability, resource use and strategy. By comparing the performance in each metric against target and, where appropriate, against the national average, performance is graded into one of four bands. These bands are exceptional performance, good performance, requiring development, and serious concerns.

There is then opportunity for the ratings to be considered for moderation. A moderation proposal is submitted by NOMS and is a request to adjust the data driven performance rating on the basis of additional non data driven evidence submitted by the Agency. No such proposals were put forward in Quarter 2.

### Quarterly ratings

**Key:** Rating 4 = Exceptional performance      Rating 3 = Good performance  
 Rating 2 = Requiring development      Rating 1 = Serious concerns

Probation Area	Rating
Avon & Somerset	3
Bedfordshire	4
Cambridgeshire	1
Cheshire	2
County Durham	4
Cumbria	3
Derbyshire	4
Devon & Cornwall	2
Dorset	2

<b>Probation Area</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Dyfed Powys	2
Essex	3
Gloucestershire	4
Greater Manchester	3
Gwent	2
Hampshire	3
Hertfordshire	3
Humberside	4
Kent	3
Lancashire	4
Leicestershire	4
Lincolnshire	4
London	1
Merseyside	2
Norfolk	3
North Wales	2
North Yorkshire	3
Northamptonshire	4
Northumbria	3
Nottinghamshire	4
South Wales	2
South Yorkshire	3
Staffordshire	2
Suffolk	2
Surrey	4
Sussex	3
Teesside	4
Thames Valley	2
Warwickshire	2
West Mercia	2
West Midlands	2
West Yorkshire	4
Wiltshire	4

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