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Revised Guidance for Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) 2005/06

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Message

This Circular covers revised guidance for the preparation of Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) 2005/06. Guidance was previously issued on 23 December 2004 under cover of FSC 60-2004. It has now been revised to take account of minor changes made to corporate health BVPIs following a consultation exercise across local government as a whole. These changes do not affect the substance of data collected by FRAs.

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1.0 Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) for 2005/06

- 1.1 The Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) that will apply to Fire and Rescue Authorities from 1 April 2005 were published as Annex F of the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2005/06 on 6 December. Accompanying guidance was published on 23 December 2004 under cover of FSC 60-2004.
- 1.2 This circular covers a further version of that guidance. This has been revised to take account of amendments made to the corporate health BVPIs following the outcome of a consultation undertaken by ODPM last summer. These amendments mainly concern the definitions.
- 1.3 The main amendments are indicated below. For completeness, the attached guidance also includes the fire-specific BVPIs. This should be referred to as the most up-to-date guidance.
- 1.4 BVPI 2a – Level 0 has been introduced to record that an authority has not adopted the Equality Standard for Local Government.
- 1.5 BVPI 16 has been split into a two-part indicator, although this has no effect on the data reported as two figures were required in the old format. The main points to note are that for part A data will be split to reflect the different retirement ages for firefighters and other personnel and that the source of data for part B (the percentage of the economically active population in the authority area who have a disability) is no longer taken from survey returns to BVPI3 but from the ONS Census 2001 data.
- 1.6 BVPI 17 has been split into a two-part indicator, although this has no effect on the data reported as two figures were required in the old format. The main point to note is that the source of data for part B (the percentage of the economically active population from ethnic minority communities in the authority area) is no longer taken from the Labour Force Survey. Instead, this data will now be sourced from the ONS Census 2001 data.
- 1.7 ODPM's Fire Statistics and Research Division are currently collating the Census 2001 data applicable for BVPIs 16 and 17. Data relevant to each FRA will be sent to you shortly.
- 1.8 In revising this guidance, we have also taken the opportunity to change the formula for BVPI 149iii to correct an earlier error.
- 1.9 Other minor amendments are included in the complete guidance document attached to this circular.
- 1.10 Also attached is further guidance, in response to queries from FRAs, on the source/collection of data required for BVPI 149 and BVPI 208 on the Supplementary Data Collection form.

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