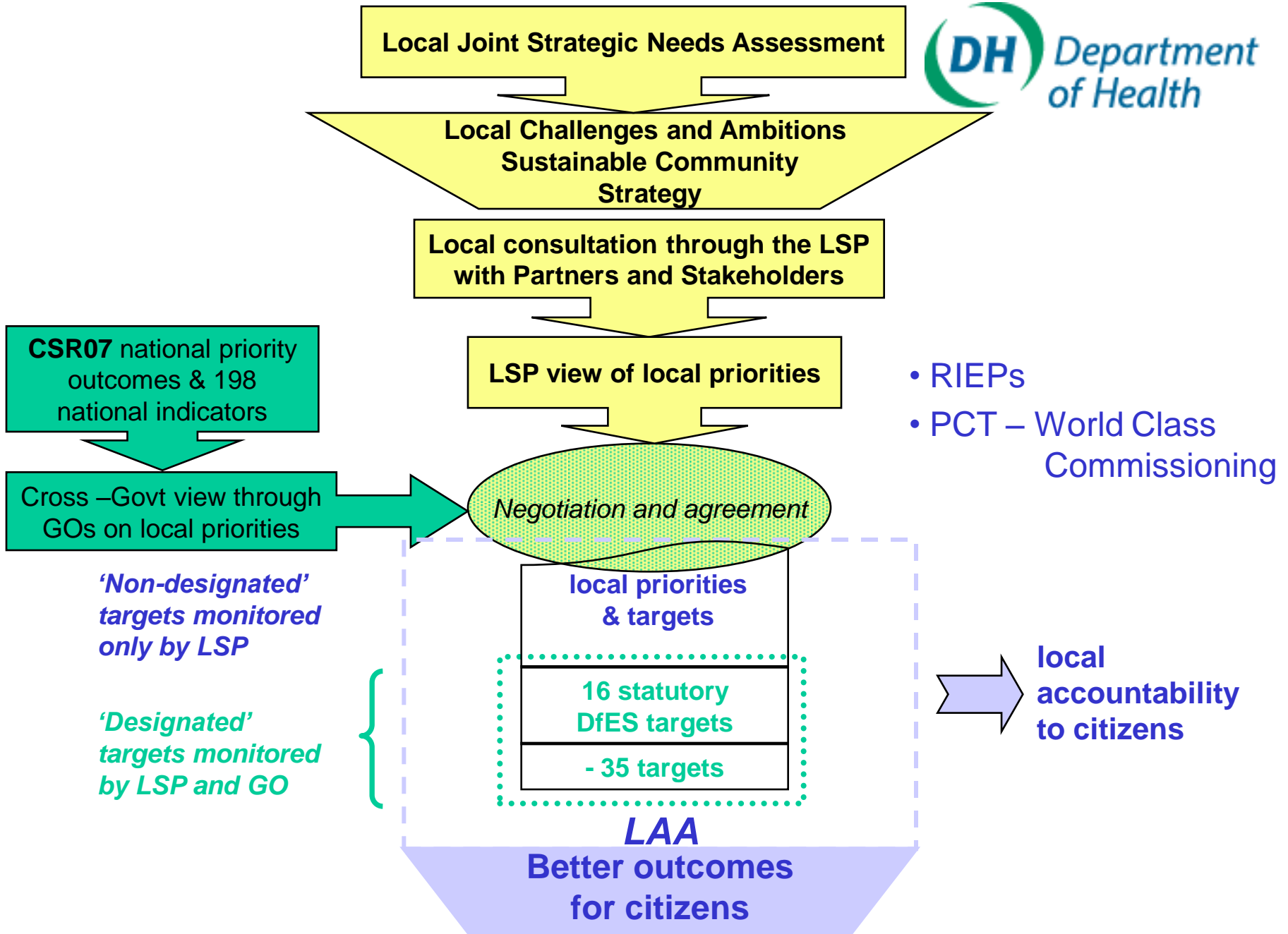


# Local Area Agreements

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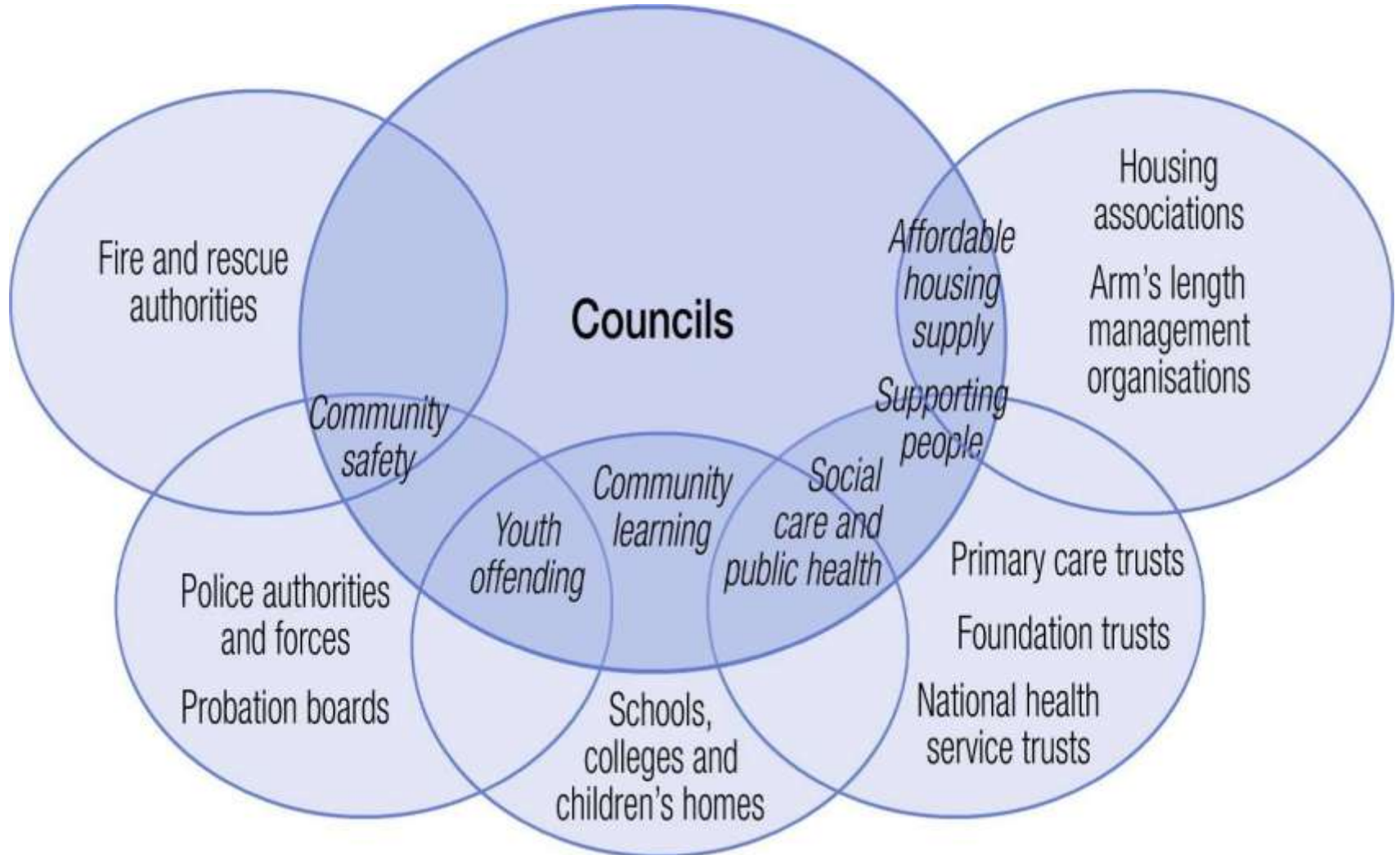


# Aim for...

- **Meaningful LAAs:** pertinent to the local health needs of an area, encouraging partnership working and focus on issues of particular concern
- **Evidence-based proposals:** showing understanding of the data on local need
- **Balance of accountability and flexibility:** between the delivery requirements for major government commitments (such as PSAs) and quality assurance of LAAs with local determination of goals
- **Specific mechanisms to support delivery** of the Government's priorities for improved outcomes in health and well-being, including appropriate engagement with LSPs, their communities and citizens.
- **Delivery on cross-cutting issues** through co-production of policy, and improved alignment of the means to support policy implementation and delivery by LG and central departments

## To achieve this ...

- **Indicators have been coordinated:** e.g in DH across health and social care; the NHS' new Operating Framework has 31 of the same targets as the National Indicator Set for LAAs
- **Needs-based policy is a joint requirement:** JSNA to describe the future health, care and wellbeing needs of local populations was a legal requirement for PCTs and LAs from April 2008 – underpin LAAs and Commissioning Strategic Plans
- **Inspectorates are being combined:** Comprehensive Area Assessment brings together 7 inspectorates



CAA – 'goes live' April 2009

# CAA

## 3 key questions

- How well do local priorities express community needs and aspirations – ‘JSNA’?
- How well are the outcomes and improvements needed being delivered – ‘commissioned’?
- What are the prospects for future improvement?

*Focus on priority outcomes targeted within Local Area Agreements and Sustainable Community Strategies*

# Indicators for North West - Summary analysis

## 23 Localities 31 indicators per locality (average)

### Top 10 most "popular" indicators

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1	120	All-age all cause mortality rate	21
2	153	Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods	21
3	117	16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)	20
4	163	Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 2 or higher	20
5	112	Under 18 conception rate	19
6	123	Stopping smoking	18
7	154	Net additional homes provided	18
8	30	Re-offending rate of prolific and other priority offenders	17
9	39	Rate of hospital admission per 100,000 for alcohol related harm	17
10	16	Serious acquisitive crime rate	16

The two aims:

- identifying the contribution LAAs are making to delivery of better outcomes
- considering where changed circumstances might lead to a revised LAA

# Agreed Principles of Review and Refresh



- ***Collaboration and co-operation*** – part of the wider efforts to create a shared endeavour between central and local government and its partners, building on the best joint work that characterised the recent negotiations.
- ***Refine not replace*** - reflect on progress against agreed targets rather than reopening negotiations
- ***Proportionality*** - Proposals to amend an LAA should be reasonable and evidence-based, and be responded to in the same spirit. E.g, new baseline data or significant changes to the definition could be a legitimate reason to reconsider a previously agreed target.

# Timetable

- **October:** GOs will agree detailed arrangements for annual reviews in their region
- **October-January:** Annual Review/Refresh discussions
- **2 March:** Local area submits refreshed LAA to GOs (at this point LAAs should be in final or near-final form though possibly not yet formally adopted)
- **Throughout March:** Negotiations to be concluded on any outstanding issues
- **By 26 March:** cross-Government consideration of refreshed LAAs
- **Friday 27 March – Wednesday 1 April:** GOs to submit adopted LAAs to the Secretary of State
- **Early April:** Secretary of State Approval of revised LAAs

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