

Laser Foundation Libraries Impact Project

Presentation to PLA Conference

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Structure of presentation

- Background and context
- Approach to project
- Identification and development of possible measures
- Pilot authorities
- Next steps

Background and context

- Impetus for project – how services can demonstrate their impact
- Links to related developments (revised DCMS Standards, Impact Standards, CPA and inspection)
- “Shared Priorities” – high profile policy themes and commitments
- Project focus on four shared priority themes:
 - Children
 - Education
 - Health
 - Older people

Approach to project

- Overseen by Steering Group involving range of key partners
- Stages of approach
- Progress with work – what we have done and what we will be doing
- Contact with range of other bodies with a likely interest in the work
- Influence on central government and local government outside libraries sector

Identification and development of possible measures

- Process of developing possible measures
- Library activities in shared priority areas
- Other measures used in shared priority areas
- Showing link to central and local government policy priorities
 - education – compulsory (school age) and adults
 - children and families
 - public health outcomes
 - support for older people

Pilot authorities

- Identification of relevant activities with pilot authorities
- Data collection – types of data, approaches to collecting data
- Experience of data collection – learning from issues raised in taking forward the project
- Using the data - qualitative and quantitative - to show impact in measure areas
- Link to Impact Standards themes

Next steps

- Further work with pilot authorities – further data collection and analysis
- Developing (and testing) methodologies to show how measures could be used in other library authorities
- Maintaining links with ongoing related activities
- Final report – including recommendations for longitudinal research
- Timescale