

2020 Spending Review Provisional Priority Outcomes and Metrics

The Treasury has published a provisional priority outcomes and metric document for the Spending Review 2020.

Full document link: <https://bit.ly/3nzzKfH>

Below are the summaries across various Government Departments which touch on education, skills, children's services and R&D sectors. The majority of them are cross-cutting programmes and include the DfE in their approach.

Department for Education:

Provisional priority outcome	Provisional performance metrics
Drive economic growth through improving the skills pipeline, levelling up productivity and supporting people to work ^{3,4}	Percentage of recent Higher Education graduates in high skilled employment
	Total number of starts and total number of completions on apprenticeships standards
	Number of starts and number of completions on Level 4 and Level 5 apprenticeships standards (including by age group)
	Percentage of Further Education providers with poor financial health
	Number of 19+ and 25+ Further Education and Skills learners in the 20 per cent most disadvantaged areas
Level up education standards so that children and young people in every part of the country are prepared with the knowledge, skills, and qualifications they need	Scores in reading, maths and science in the Programme for International Student Assessment
	Percentage of 6-year olds passing the Phonics Screening Check
	Percentage of pupils meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths by end of primary school
	Percentage of Level 3 attainment by age 19, including by region
	Level of the disadvantage gap index, including by region (Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4)
	Percentage of young people achieving GCSEs in English and Maths by age 19
	Percentage of Early Career Teachers (first and second year teachers) taking the Early Career Framework Full Induction Programme
	Number of participants across the Reformed National Professional Qualification programmes

Provide the best start in life through high-quality early education and childcare to raise standards and help parents to work ⁵	Percentage of 5-year olds achieving 'expected' level on both literacy and communication & language Early Learning Goals
	Percentage of 5-year olds achieving 'expected' level on mathematics Early Learning Goals
	Percentage of eligible children taking up the disadvantaged 2-year old offer, including by region
	Attainment gap between children eligible for free school meals and peers in Early Years Foundation Stage Profile

³ This is a cross-cutting outcome. Contributing departments are BEIS, DCMS, DWP and MHCLG.

⁴ Further metrics for measuring the extent to which the skills system contributes to driving economic growth and levelling up productivity will be developed over the coming months.

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Support the most disadvantaged and vulnerable through high quality local services so that no one is left behind ⁶	Percentage of children attending education settings (overall absence rate by group):
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children who receive free school meals • are 'in need' • who have a special educational need or disability • who attend Alternative Provision schools
	Percentage of Alternative Provision schools rated Good or Outstanding
	Percentage of local authorities with written statement of actions for Special educational needs and disability services issued by OFSTED
	Percentage of local authorities rated Good or Outstanding for Children's Social Care services

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy:

Support increased productivity through unleashing innovation and new knowledge throughout the country	Gross Expenditure Research and Development as percentage of GDP
	Business Enterprise Research and Development as percentage of GDP
	Percentage of businesses that are innovation active, including by region

Department for Work and Pensions:

Address poverty through enabling progression into the workforce and increasing financial resilience ³⁵	Number of children in workless households, including by nation
	Absolute poverty before housing costs – child, adult and pensioner combined (per cent)
	Percentage of claims processed within planned timescales
Maximise employment across the country to aid economic recovery following Covid-19 ³³	Employment rate – UK and regional (16-64 year olds) ³⁴
	Employment rate – UK and regional (16-24 year olds)
	Number of participants in Kickstart – including by region and nation

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government:

End rough sleeping through more effective prevention and crisis intervention services, and reduce homelessness by enabling local authorities to fully meet their statutory duties ¹⁴	Number of people sleeping rough in England in the annual rough sleeping snapshot
	Number of families in temporary accommodation in England
	Number of units delivered through the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme
Raise productivity and empower places so that everyone across the country can benefit from levelling up ^{15,16}	Economic performance of all functional economic areas relative to their trend growth rates ¹⁷

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport:

Grow and evolve our sectors domestically and globally, in particular those sectors most affected by Covid-19, including culture, sport, civil society, and the creative industries	Gross Value Added of DCMS sectors, excluding digital (£)
	Domestic tourism visitor numbers
	DCMS sector skills gaps (per cent)

Spending Review 2020 (SR20) placed a renewed focus on outcomes, and tied spending and performance more closely together. This approach is part of implementing the Public Value Framework (PVF).

The PVF is a practical tool for maximising the value delivered by public spending and improving outcomes for citizens, which can be used across government to identify ways to strengthen the process of turning inputs into outcomes. By embedding the PVF in daily routines and processes across government, the government will ensure that departments are continuously improving their performance and maximising value for money.

As part of implementing the PVF, at SR20 the government published provisional priority outcomes for each UK government department. These capture the government's long-term policy objectives, from reducing crime to improving education standards across the country.

The government has also identified provisional metrics for each outcome, against which progress towards delivering the outcomes will be measured. All provisional outcomes and metrics can be found in this document.

These outcomes and metrics include cross-cutting outcomes and shared metrics in areas where closer working between departments would achieve better results. This reflects the government's commitment to breaking down silos and enabling stronger collaboration between departments.

Outcomes and metrics will be further refined over the coming months as part of a reformed planning and performance framework, putting them front and centre in departmental planning. Through this, departments will set out how they will deliver their priority outcomes and link spending to the real-world outcomes the government aims to achieve.