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# **National Reporting**

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# Agenda

- Audit Commission Role and responsibilities
- Who does the Audit Commission report to?
- How the Audit Commission reports
- Key Themes
- Activity to report on



### Audit Commission – Role and Responsibilities

- Independent of central government
- Appoints auditors to all public sector bodies
  - Local Government
  - National Health Service
- 70% of auditors employed directly by Audit Commission
- Role covers regularity and value for money
- Research role
- Fees charged





# **Audit Commission – Facts and Figures**

- Income £214m (€320m)
- Staff 2437
- Audited Bodies 15000
- Public Spend £125bn (€190bn)



#### Who does the Audit Commission report to?

The Commission is <u>independent</u> but will report to the following groups:

- Local authorities and health bodies
- Central government
- National Audit Office
- Other Regulators
- Public



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## How does it report?

- Strategic Plan
- Reports on all areas of research
  - National launch
  - TV, radio and newspapers
- Annual Report
  - Issued to all interested parties
- All reports on web site



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## **Current Themes**

- 1. Focus on users of services
- 2. Promote improvement in public services
- 3. Streamlining regulation



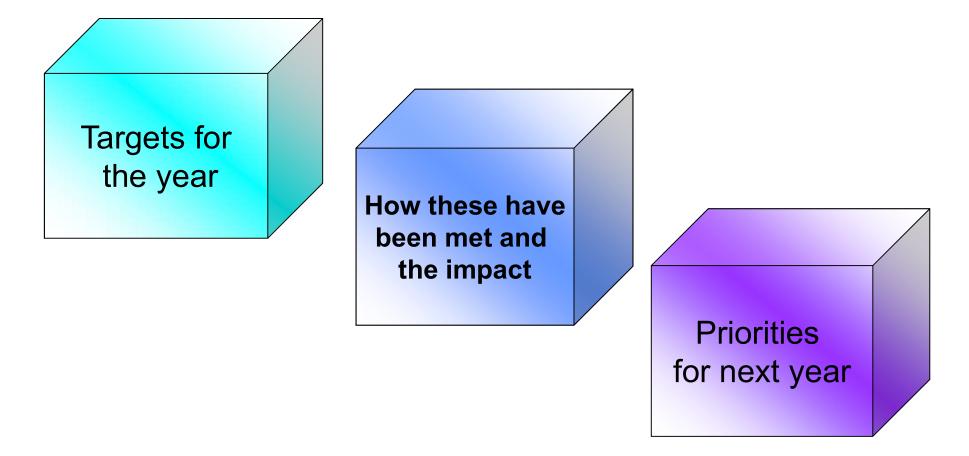
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# **Main Subject Areas**

- Local Government
- National Health Service
- Criminal Justice
- Housing
- Joint Services



### What the report says on each area





# **Some Headlines**

- Improvement work in local government with Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA)
- Working in partnership to improve health services for patients