

## Methodology for traffic light ratings

### 1.1 Thresholds for awarding directorate-level health rating traffic lights

	Green	Green Amber	Red Amber	Red
	Good performance	Good, with some concerns	Some concerns	Serious concerns
Revenue & capital budget mgt - variance % (above and below)	0%	< 0.5%	0.5 - 1%	More than 1%
Corporate Plan & HR performance scores	More than 2	0.5 to 2	-1 to 0.	Less than -1

### 1.2 Method for producing the Corporate Plan, HR/People and Project health ratings

Each individual performance indicator is traffic lighted according to the same four point traffic light scale: Green, Green Amber, Red Amber and Red. Points for each are awarded, as shown in the table below, and then added together to produce the overall health rating score for each directorate.

	Points for each indicator
Green	1
Green Amber	0.5
Red Amber	-0.5
Red	-1

For example, if there were four indicators in a particular directorate and each achieved one of the four traffic lights, the net result would be a score of 0 and this would produce a Red Amber overall health rating, based on the table above in paragraph 1.2.

### 1.3 Method for producing individual performance indicator traffic light ratings

Any target that is met achieves a Green traffic light. Targets that have not been met, but where 80% or more of the targeted improvement has been achieved, will be given a Green Amber traffic light.

Traffic Light	% of targeted improvement achieved	Description
Green	100% or more	Meeting or exceeding target
Green Amber	>80% <100%	Near target with some concerns
Red Amber	>65% <80%	Problematic
Red	<65%	Serious concerns

If the targeted improvement is below 80% but above 65% the indicator will get a Red Amber rating.

For example, if the baseline is 80 people and the target is 100 people, the targeted improvement is 20. 80% of 20 is 16, so the outturn would need to be at least 96 people to achieve Green Amber and at least 93 people to achieve a Red Amber.

Whilst initial traffic lights will be based on this objective criteria, they may subsequently be changed through discussion between Directorates and the Performance team, based on the individual circumstances and prospects for each

target. Where this has occurred it will be clearly stated in the report with the reasons given.

The criteria for red and amber traffic lights for HR/People measures differs for each indicator; the amber criteria for each is shown alongside the indicator in the individual data tables.

In addition to the above criteria, Any performance indicator that is less than 10% off target and has a positive direction of travel will automatically qualify to be amber rated. Both of the following criteria need to be met if a service is to have a red-rated performance indicator amended to either a green-amber or a red-amber:

**For an indicator to be rated as Green amber:**

1. No more than 5% off target, and;
2. A positive direction of travel

**For an indicator to be rated as Red amber:**

1. Between >5% and no more than 10% off target, and;
2. Positive direction of travel or negative direction of travel not in excess of 2.5% (if the service has a clear story and improvement activity in place)