

Conclusion

Poverty and social exclusion are deep-rooted problems that take time and effort to tackle. In the seven years since *Opportunity for all* was first published we have made significant and sustained progress. The 59 indicators of progress set out in the Indicators document and summarised in the following pages clearly identify where progress has been made and those areas in which we still have more to do.

This is just the beginning, and we recognise that there is much more to do if we are to realise our goals to tackle poverty; to break the cycle of deprivation throughout people's lives; and to build a society where no one is held back by disadvantage or lack of opportunity.

Many of the causes of poverty are engrained and we are committed to a long-term strategy that works. We want real and lasting change to help individuals and communities take control of their lives and to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty and deprivation.

We will work with individuals, families and communities, and continue to make concerted efforts across central government and through partnership, working with devolved administrations, local government and the voluntary and community sectors, ensuring that progress is maintained.

We welcome your views on this report and the strategy that we have set out. Please send your comments to:

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