

Indicator 7: Enrolments and achievements supported by adult education services funded by CA investment

Target	Direction for Improvement	Current Period (to date)	Previous Period	Change in Performance
17,000	↑	17,295	16,740	3.21%

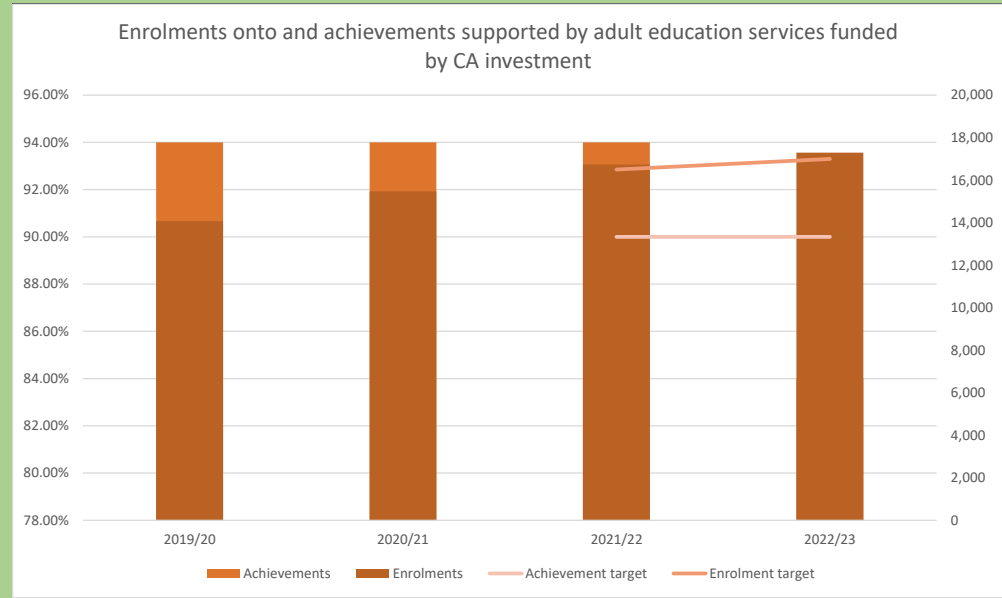
RAG Rating
Green

Indicator Description

This indicator tracks the number of individuals enrolling in adult education services and their subsequent accomplishments, such as completion of courses, attainment of certifications, or improvement in relevant skills. This KPI provides the Combined Authority with valuable insights into the reach and impact of the funded programmes, helping assess ability to support and empower individuals in their pursuit of education and professional growth.

The data is shown through as academic years, with a combination of enrolments and achievements along with targets starting from 2021/22. The current period performance is also to date and to be put in consideration when examining the data.

Useful links



Commentary

In 2019/20 and 2020/21, the national lock-downs due to the Covid-19 Pandemic meant that colleges and training centres were closed. While delivery transitioned online, enrolments were below pre-pandemic levels. During the 2021/22 academic year, performance greatly improved with an 8% increase in enrolments and participation. Mid-year data for 2022/23 shows an upward trajectory, with a 19% increase in enrolments compared to the same period last year.

Actions

1. Continue to focus on improving CPCA internal business processes and compliance.
2. Continue to build and strengthen CPCA capacity to performance manage Providers.
3. Focus on improving data quality and tracking outcomes.

Indicator 2: Cumulative number of homes retrofitted in current financial year by month

	Target	Direction for Improvement	Current Period	Previous Period	Change in Performance
LAD3	3,368	↑	1,577	539	65.82%
HUG1	377	↑	293	72	75.43%

RAG Rating	
LAD3	Red
HUG1	Red

Indicator Description

This indicator measures the cumulative count of homes that have completed retrofit aimed at improving energy efficiency.

The purpose of retrofit is to raise the energy efficiency ratings of low income and low EPC rated homes (those rated D, E, F or G) and also support low-income households with the transition to low-carbon heating. The Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ) and the GSEZNH expect retrofit to result in:

Tackle fuel poverty by increasing low-income homes' energy efficiency rating while reducing their energy bills – a key principle of the 2021 fuel poverty strategy; Sustainable Warmth: Protecting Vulnerable Households in England.

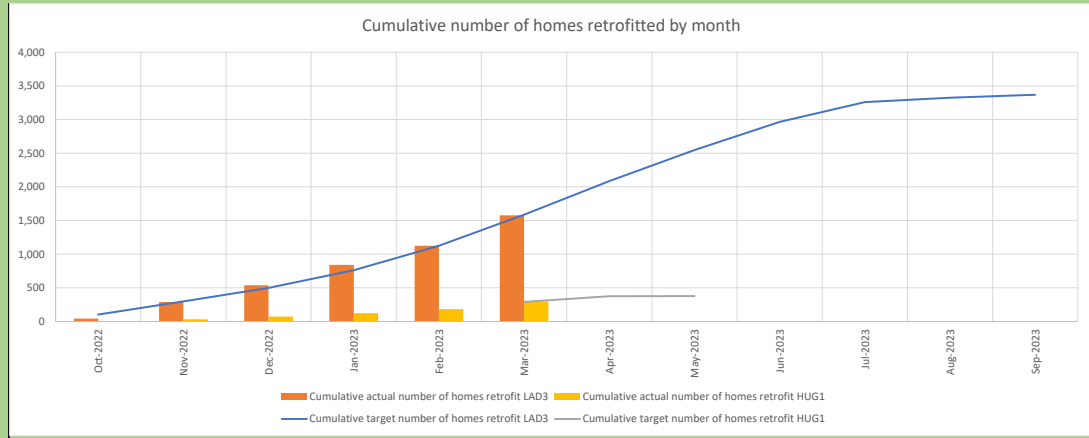
- Deliver cost-effective carbon savings to carbon budgets and progress towards the UK's target for net zero by 2050.
- Deploy low carbon heating, supporting the transition away from fossil fuel-based heating and supporting supply chain growth of the clean heating sector.
- Support clean growth and ensure homes are thermally comfortable, efficient, with a reduced impact on the environment and well-adapted to climate change.
- Support economic resilience and a green recovery in response to the economic impacts of Covid-19.
- Deliver better quality, safer, greener homes in levelling-up and rural areas.

This reflects the CA's commitment to sustainability and its efforts to mitigate climate change. There are currently two live schemes reporting retrofits of properties: Local Authority Delivery phase 3 (LAD3) and Home Upgrade Grant phase 1 (HUG1). LAD3 treats homes which use mains gas to heat them and HUG 1 treats homes off mains gas. Updated targets for both LAD3 and HUG1 were agreed with DESNZ in March 2023 through the Managed Closure process which are presented here together with the actual cumulative number of homes which have completed a retrofit installation, by month.

Currently CPCA area local authorities are not included in LAD3, HUG1 or HUG2 delivery led by the GSEZNH being in other consortia, while those local authorities within GSEZNH delivery vary by scheme and are from across the GSEZNH area.

Useful links

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-the-sustainable-warmth-competition>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-upgrade-grant-phase-2>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/green-homes-grant-local-authority-delivery-lad-and-home-upgrade-grant-hug-release-may-2023>



Commentary

LAD3 is expected to complete retrofit of homes by end of September 2023 with final scheme closure following. It is currently delivering approximately to target from the Managed Closure agreed with DESNZ. HUG1 has been a difficult scheme to delivery within the scheme rules and cost caps with many homes found to be undeliverable due to these and other issues such difficulties in providing ventilation to the required standard. HUG1 is expected to complete retrofit of homes by end of March, with a small number of exceptional installations agreed with DESNZ for installation by end of May 2023, with final scheme closure following, as reflected in the target. The RAG rating of the GSEZNH delivery currently with DESNZ is Amber reflecting this delivery performance.

There was previously Local Authority Delivery phase 2 (LAD2) which reported 2,684 homes retrofit and total spend of £21,285,856.83 in its final scheme closure which completed in February 2023 with BEIS. This scheme included local authorities within CPCA within the 136 covered by the GSEZNH delivery.

Funding was secured from Home Upgrade Grant phase 2 (HUG2) of £81,421,480.73 for retrofit of an estimated 3,845 homes awarded by DESNZ for delivery from April 2023 through to March 2025. The delivery is currently mobilising with no homes retrofit yet.

Actions

- Complete delivery of retrofit in homes and commence closeout of HUG1 scheme.
- Continue delivery of retrofit in homes through LAD3 scheme.
- Continue to mobilise delivery of HUG2 scheme.