

11. What other terms are commonly used in planning?

<p>What do you understand by the term priority?</p>	<p>A priority is something that you choose to focus on because it is the most pressing need at the time. Priorities can change with time and circumstances.</p>
<p>What do you understand by the term goal?</p>	<p>A goal is a target, something you want to achieve, that is related to the larger propriety area. Goals can be broken down into further sub-goals, which are known as objectives.</p>
<p>What do you understand by the term objective?</p>	<p>An objective is a sub-set of a goal, usually one of several, and is what needs to happen in order to reach the goal. Objectives need to be SMART:</p> <p>S = Specific M = Measurable A = Agreed upon R = Realistic T = Time bound</p>
<p>What do you understand by the term indicator?</p>	<p>An indicator is a statement, a criterion and/or measure of something that has to be done or achieved. It is related to an objective in that it shows whether the objective has been realised. Indicators are unambiguous, observable, measurable and quantifiable.</p>
<p>What do you understand by the term action plan?</p>	<p>An action plan is a written down statement of priorities, goals, objectives and indicators which show clearly what has to be done, by whom, when, where and why and is the operational part of a strategic plan.</p>

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