

Third Sector Statistics User Panel for Wales: Minutes of Meeting

WCVA, Baltic House, Mount Square, Cardiff Bay
Thursday 12 April 2018 – 9:30-13:00

Attendees		
Rhodri	Bowen	People and Work Unit
Scott	Clifford	Welsh Government
Martin	Fidler Jones	RSPCA Cymru
Alex	FitzPatrick	Welsh Government
John	Gossage	Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services
Uzo	Iwobi OBE	Race Council Cymru
Catrin	James	Urdd Gobaith Cymru
Nia	Jones	Welsh Government
Sue	Leake	Welsh Government
Thomas	Lines	Welsh Government
Amaka	Nwagbara	The Royal Statistical Society
Alex	Osmond	The Wallich
Mark	Pont	Welsh Government
Clare	Sain-ley-Berry	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Julie	Skelton	Carers Wales
Hade	Turkmen	Chwarae Teg
Apologies		
Paul	Glaze	Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services
Lucy	Williams	Bevan Foundation
Laura	Hill	Race Council Cymru
David	James	Monmouthshire and Powys County Councils
Glyn	Jones	Welsh Government
Calvin	Lees	Learning and Work Institute

Action points		
1	Welcome and Introductions	Sue Leake, Welsh Government
SL gave apologies for GJ, who was unwell. SL opened the meeting and welcome members.		
2	Papers: Minutes and actions, Quarterly Statistics newsletter, demography and the Census	Sue Leake, Welsh Government
The Stats quarterly update and the demography newsletter were noted. SL noted that the mid-year 2016 population estimates have been revised.		
<u>Census</u> SL distributed previously published updates on the 2021 census , including one on veterans .		
The ONS published Census topic research in December, including work		

	<p>on questions around gender identity, sexual orientation, volunteering and ethnic groups.</p> <p>The census will not include income questions but the ONS plan to use administrative data from organisations like HMRC and Department for Work and Pensions to capture this information, and have published research papers on this.</p> <p>The ONS are running a '2021 Census outputs and population statistics' roadshow in Cardiff on 17 April 2018.</p> <p>There is an open consultation on the outputs from the 2021 Census, running until 23 May 2018.</p> <p>Minutes and Actions from last meeting: minutes were accepted without comment. Actions were reviewed – all were completed.</p> <p>Electoral Stats JG asked if there were readily available electoral stats, particular on turnout rates and contested papers and at a community council level.</p>	<p>Action: SL to circulate reminders for the ONS Census roadshow and consultation.</p> <p>Action: SL to advise on where to find information on electoral statistics.</p>
3	<p>Preparing for the next Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) – update and discussion on third sector involvement</p>	<p>Nia Jones & Scott Clifford, Welsh Government</p>
	<p>NJ gave a brief overview of WIMD, which aims to capture material and social aspects of deprivation and described some of their work since the last WIMD index in 2014.</p> <p>The WIMD index will be updated in 2019 and the management process was described. Two third-sector representatives have been selected as part of the advisory group.</p> <p>RB raised an issue about some education indicator data being quite old. The WIMD team are looking at acquiring new POLAR data or using linked education datasets to update the education indicators, but unsure if this will be ready for 2019.</p> <p>There was discussion about the desire by users, in some circumstances, to remove certain indicators from the WIMD index. This is not easy as the indicators are combined using Factor Analysis. In future code might be published to help technical users.</p> <p>There was a suggestion that climate change vulnerability should be considered for inclusion, A recent JRF report on climate change, justice and vulnerability highlights this issue .</p> <p>Members found the WIMD tools useful but discussed further training on using the WIMD website and data. Members seemed interested in WG offering training for trainers. CS offered the WCVA to host a session/display video demonstrations on their website.</p>	<p>Action: WIMD team to ensure group is provided with a link to the WIMD consultation when it goes live in autumn 2018.</p>
4	<p>Statisticians for Society</p>	<p>Amaka Nwagbara, The Royal Statistical Society (RSS)</p>
	<p>The Royal Statistical Society is going to run a new initiative – a 'pro-bono' scheme, with their RSS members offering to working on statistical projects for the third sector.</p> <p>Scheme is aimed at smaller UK charities (with incomes under £1 million) and will probably include social enterprise organisations. The projects are</p>	<p>Action: AN to distribute information on the RSS pro-bono scheme when ready.</p> <p>Action: CJ to share information on work with</p>

<p>planned to be up to 2 years in length as a pilot, in the statisticians’ spare time.</p> <p>The project is due to be launched soon.</p> <p>There was discussion on statisticians putting their names to their work, and the importance of that to the hosting organisation. As well as issues with validation and liability for the statistician. It would be useful for protocols to be agreed prior to projects starting.</p> <p>Third Sector organisations should not expect statisticians to have ready access to relevant data and may need to use appropriate data sharing agreements and policies.</p> <p><u>Training</u></p> <p>There was discussion about training for the third sector on statistical issues such as accessing data, data collection, storage and analysis.</p> <p>The Royal Statistical Society has training capacity and could possibly run something if there was a need.</p> <p>Alternative suggestions for training included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JG suggested talking to organisations providing on-line training, such as Future Learn, about training opportunities for the third sector. • CJ had experience teaming up with Aberystwyth University and the Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services (CWVYS) to create a framework of data and tools for evaluation, impact and outcomes for youth services. • Approaching WISERD to run a seminar <p><u>Mapping Tools</u></p> <p>There was discussion on easy mapping tools, particularly for postcode data. SL indicated that there wasn’t a postcode tool in WG linking to WIMD, though it’s possible that something good could be developed if there was an expressed need from users.</p> <p>MFJ had experience using a WISERD tool for mapping and could share his experience if helpful.</p> <p>There was a question about the ‘Demonstrating Success’ tool that used to be available. SL to enquire about why this is no longer available.</p>	<p>Aberystwyth University and CWVYS (the Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services).</p> <p>Action: SL to circulate Royal Statistical Society email.</p> <p>Action: Third-sector representatives to think about whether they want to express a need for a postcode mapping tool in WG.</p> <p>Action: MFG share info on WISERD mapping software.</p> <p>Action: SL to enquire about ‘Demonstrating Success’ tool.</p>	
5	Economic statistics – what’s available and what do you need?	Mark Pont, Alex Fitzpatrick, Welsh Government
<p>MP and AF talked through the economic statistics available for Wales, NOMIS and the increased data that the Digital Economy Act may allow.</p> <p>The lowest geographical regions for economic data are often Local Authorities or NUTS regions. (NUTS is a European designation of regions)</p> <p>Members expressed a desire for more gender breakdowns in economic data.</p> <p>JS raised a need for more awareness for carers through statistics. JG</p>		<p>Action: MP/AF send round maps explaining the NUTS regions</p> <p>Action: SL to find out if MOSAIC uses WIMD</p> <p>Action: MP to pass on idea of satellite accounts for carers to ONS</p>

	<p>suggested the idea of a National Accounts satellite account for carers.</p> <p>Members expressed an interest in more projections, information about flows and ways of valuing activities of individuals (social capital), e.g. caring or volunteering.</p> <p>CS mentioned the third sector data hub which has information on valuing volunteering activity</p>	<p>Action: Members to suggest specific areas relating to projections or information about flows which could be addressed in future meetings</p>
6	Well-being of Wales: feedback from user survey	Thomas Lines, Welsh Government
	<p>TL gave feedback from the Well-being of Wales user survey which ran from November 2017 to February 2018. Survey results suggested the Well-being of Wales report was being used, and conveying its messages, however there was room to improve.</p> <p>Respondents raised issues about the availability of local data and the language used to communicate. The number of respondents was relatively low given the number of users of the report. Members felt that the survey design had not really encouraged response.</p>	<p>Action: TL to disseminate the survey design issues across Knowledge and Analytical Services (KAS) for future consultations</p>
7	Data availability on Ethnic Minority Communities	Uzo Iwobi OBE, Race Council Cymru & Scott Clifford, Welsh Government
	<p>SC covered the various sources of ethnicity data available, including ‘Review of the Evidence on Inequality in Wales’ and the ‘Is Wales fairer?’ report.</p> <p>UI then spoke about the history of Race Council Cymru and the desire for specific area data from a wide variety of ethnicity groups.</p> <p>‘Icons of Black Wales’ is the theme for Black History Month 2018. There is a desire for information on historical black figures, for example servicemen in WW2. This is more an issue about individuals rather than statistics but the Archives Wales and People’s Collection Wales were suggested as sources.</p> <p>There was discussion on using the Home Office to gain access to statistical information on Asylum Seekers.</p>	<p>Action: SC to send link of the Review of Evidence on Inequality report to UI</p> <p>Action: SC to liaise with the Home Office regarding data on Asylum Seekers.</p>
9	Future Agenda items and date of next meeting	Sue Leake, Welsh Government
	<p>Possible topics for future agenda items were discussed. The suggestions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inequality • Natural Environment Valuation Online (NEVO) • Mental Health Metrics and Costs • Positive evaluation of volunteering/carers • GPDR – the impacts it might have • Evaluation/Social Capital as a general topic 	<p>Action: CS to provide example of research on Mental Health Costs</p> <p>Action: CJ to provide examples of evaluation of value of volunteering/carers</p>
9	Any other Business	Sue Leake, Welsh Government
	Nothing of note was raised.	

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Summary of Action Points

1	Circulate reminders for the ONS Census roadshow and consultation	Sue Leake
2	Ask for information on electoral statistics	Sue Leake
3	Provide members link to the WIMD consultation when it goes live in the autumn	WIMD team
4	Distribute information on the pro-bono scheme when ready	Amaka Nwagbara
5	Share information on work with Aberystwyth University and CWVYS	Catrin James
6	Circulate Royal Statistical Society email	Sue Leake
7	Third-sector representatives to think about whether they want to express a need for a postcode mapping tool in WG	Third Sector
8	Share info on WISERD mapping software	Martin Fidler Jones
9	Enquire about the 'Demonstrating Success' tool	Sue Leake
10	Send maps explaining the NUTS regions	Mark Pont, Alex Fitzpatrick
11	Find out if MOSAIC uses WIMD	Sue Leake
12	Pass on idea of satellite accounts for carers to ONS	Mark Pont
13	Suggest specific areas relating to projections or information about flows which could be addressed in future meetings	All
14	Disseminate the survey design issues across within KAS for future consultation	Thomas Lines
15	Send link of the Review of Evidence on Inequality report to UI	Scott Clifford
16	Liaise with the Home Office regarding data on Asylum Seekers	Scott Clifford
17	Provide example of research on Mental Health Costs	Clare Sain-ley-Berry
18	Provide examples of evaluation of value of volunteering/carers	Catrin James